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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2004/05**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,  
Resource Management Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider three applications in respect of financial assistance received from a charitable and non profit making organisation and two individuals, details of which are contained in the report.

**Background**

2. The total committed in respect of applications made in the current year is £16,307.10. The Council has made provision within the 2004/2005 revenue budget of £15,000. This leaves a overspend of £1,307.10 and is before consideration of the attached applications.

3. **Darlington Coronary Support Group**

- (a) ***Introduction***

An application has been received from the Secretary of the Darlington Coronary Support Group for financial assistance of £250 towards the continued work of the group and to assist with the cost of room hire for meetings and various functions.

Darlington Coronary Care Group was formed in April 1992 and has a current membership of approximately 120. All members have been referred by the Darlington Memorial Hospital. The main objective of the group is to support patients and ex-patients of the hospital who have heart related problems.

The group meet and arrange functions on a monthly basis. This is usually a talk from an expert on some aspect of heart conditions and enables members to ask relevant questions. Additionally, the group organises twice weekly exercise classes for their members at the Dolphin Centre, which is a continuation of an exercise programme which has been introduced by the Hospital.

- (b) ***Financial Information***

Accounts for the three years ended 31st March, 2004 have been submitted and are analysed below:-

	Year Ended 31st March		
	2002	2003	2004
<b>Income</b>			
Donations/fundraising	3,270	1,230	1,475
Yoga/Art Tuition Fees	242	0	0
Other/Raffles & Special Events	60	78	902
	3,572	1,308	2,377
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Room Hire	465	562	511
Refreshments	262	274	129
Transport	220	257	1,188
Other	306	80	260
Administration	312	125	427
Computer	1,000		
	2,565	1,298	2,515
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,007	10	(138)
Balances	3,297	3,307	3,169

(c) *Previous Applications*

The Darlington Coronary Support Group have successfully applied for financial assistance since 1992. Details of the more recent applications together with additional and relevant information are shown in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>Minute Ref.</b>	<b>Grant Requested £</b>	<b>Grant Awarded £</b>
1996/97	Assistance in the hiring of their premises and also the provision of refreshments in respect of group meetings and functions.	I26 (Ia53) Feb97	250	100
1997/98	As Above	K87 (Ka68) Feb 98	250	100
1998/99	As Above	K94 (Ka123) Feb 99	250	100
1999/00	As Above	K79 (Ka123) Feb 2000	250	250
2000/01	As Above	C256/Jan/2001	250	250
2001/02	As Above	C214/Jan/2002	250	250
2002/03	As Above	C229/Feb/2003	250	250
2003/04	As Above	C172/Jan/2003	250	250

(d) ***Conclusion***

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application in respect of the Darlington Coronary Support Group, and if so, to what extent.

4. **Faye Broadbent (12) and Matthew Clinton (15) – Taekwondo. Invitation to Receive Specialist Training with Masters in Soeul, Korea**

(a) ***Introduction***

An application has been received from both Faye Broadbent and Matthew Clinton for financial assistance of £1,000 each towards the costs of attending Taekwondo specialist training events in Soeul, Korea scheduled to take place in 2005, and experience life amongst the Korean people.

Matthew who is 15 years old and Faye Broadbent who is 12 years old both reside in Darlington and each attend local Schools. Faye is currently a 1st Dan Blackbelt and it is anticipated she will become a 2nd Dan following this trip. Matthew is currently a 2nd Dan Blackbelt and aims to become a future instructor.

(b) ***Financial Information***

In order that these applicants can receive this specialist training, they need to raise a further £800 each. The specific purpose of this application is to assist with the costs of

flights, accommodation and equipment. A brief summary of anticipated costs has been obtained and is detailed in the following table:-

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Invitation to attend Specialist Training Events in Soeul, Korea in 2005</u></b>	
Travel - flights	600 x 2
Accommodation	250 x 2
Equipment	150 x 2
Total	1,000 x 2

(c) ***Previous Applications***

Both applicants have applied and been granted £200 each from the Community Leisure Chest at a Cabinet Meeting on 16th November of this year. Cabinet C132/November refers.

These applicants have not applied for Financial Assistance before. However, applications have been successful from two individuals who have received financial assistance towards the costs of flights and accommodation whilst training outside the United Kingdom in their chosen sport. Details and further additional information are highlighted in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>Minute Ref.</b>	<b>Grant Requested £</b>	<b>Grant Awarded £</b>
2001/2002	<b>Michael Dicks – Thai Boxing</b> Travel and accommodation expenses whilst receiving specialist training in Thailand	Cab106/September 01	1,000	100
2004/2005	<b>Paul Holloway – Professional Football</b> Travel and accommodation expenses whilst receiving specialist training at Heidelberg University, Ohio	Cab40/July 04	1,500-2,000	300

(d) ***Conclusion***

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support these applications in respect of Faye Broadbent and Matthew Clinton, and if so, to what extent.

## **Outcome of Consultation**

5. No consultation is taken on this item as a decision is made by Members.

## **Legal Implications**

6. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

## **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

7. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

## **Council Policy Framework**

8. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

## **Decision Deadline**

9. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

## **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that instructions of Members are requested on this application.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

## **Background Papers**

(i)	Darlington Coronary Support Group	Application for Financial Assistance Audited accounts for the three years ending 31 March 2004
(ii)	Faye Broadbent (12), Matthew Clinton (15) – Taekwondo Invitation to attend specialist training events in Soeul, Korea	Application for Financial Assistance A List of anticipated Costs of the Trip

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