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**COMMUNITY LEISURE CHEST**

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**Responsible Director(s) - Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider requests for grant aid from the Community Leisure Chest.

**Summary**

2. The Community Leisure Chest budget has an annual budget of £4,500, with an outstanding balance of £2,992.

**Information and Analysis**

3. The following applications have been received:

(a) **The Andrew Mynarski VC Concerts Committee**

Andrew Mynarski was in the Canadian Air Force and was awarded the Victoria Cross in World War 2. He flew out of Middleton St. George airfield. There is now an appeal both here and in North America to raise money for a statue to commemorate his memory, which is to be located at Durham Tees Valley Airport and is to be unveiled in June.

The committee are organising two Sunday afternoon musical concerts with profits going to the above appeal. The concerts are to be held in the Dolphin Centre and will feature local performers, including Middleton St. George Primary School Choir and The Normandy Band of the Queens Division. If the two concerts are successful, then it is anticipated that they will become a regular part of the musical calendar and will hopefully assist more locally based charities in the future. The committee are seeking assistance towards the hire costs of Dolphin Centre Central Hall.

<b>Community Leisure Chest Grant 2003-2004</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Request for Grant Aid 2004-2005</b>	<b>£200</b>

(b) **Darlington Taekwondo Club**

Darlington Taekwondo Club are a local martial arts group with a membership of approximately 30 members, the majority of which are young people. The club exists to provide tuition in the martial arts, to keep members physically fit and to give young people a chance to belong to an organised club. The club are seeking £200 to enable them to buy new kick targets and other training equipment.

<b>Community Leisure Chest Grant 2003-2004</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Request for Grant Aid 2004-2005</b>	<b>£200</b>

**Outcome of Consultation**

4. No consultation has taken place.

**Legal Implications**

5. 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**

6. 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**

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

**Decision Deadline**

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

**Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that Members consider the applications for grant aid.

## **Reasons**

10. To enable officers to inform the organisations of their success or failure following their application for Community Leisure Chest Grant Aid.

**Cliff Brown**  
**Director of Community Services**

## **Background Papers**

- (i) Community Leisure Chest Application Forms.

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