

## 14. **Sutton Bingham Canoe Club (Executive Decision)**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To consider funding towards specialist boats to enable young people and adults to pass their British Canoe Union (BCU) awards.

### **Recommendation**

That members agree an award of £3,900 from the revenue grants budget.

### **Background**

Sutton Bingham and District Canoe Club is affiliated to the BCU and has achieved BCU Canoe England Top Community Club accreditation. They have also received Clubmark, the Sport England mark of high quality junior clubs.

The aims of the organisation are to promote participation in healthy activities and provide facilities and opportunities for canoeing and kayaking.

The organisation has good governance and their application showed detailed research in to the local need and the benefits of physical activity. The group has around 200 members and their research shows an increase in interest in canoeing in recent years. Approximately 730 people participate in the clubs activities each year.

The group works closely with schools and has provided 170 coaching hours to the three secondary schools in Yeovil in the last 12 months. The club encourages young people to join training initiatives and coaching programmes to promote learning and goal setting as well as appreciating the natural environment.

### **Project**

The BCU awards for both juniors and seniors now require multi-boat disciplines. Specialist boats are required to enable young people and adults to pass the BCU awards and progress on to these new disciplines.

It is important for the club to be able to teach members a range of disciplines, not just to pass the awards, but to create new challenges particularly for the younger members.

Members of the club are encouraged to volunteer and the group runs a coach development programme.

### **Ward Members Comments**

The Ward Member fully supports the project.

## Assessment Scoring

Below is the summary table from the grant assessment form. It is recommended that funding is only awarded to projects scoring 22 points or more.

Category	Score	Maximum score
A EIA Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	1	7
C Project	4	5
D Capacity of Organisation	14	15
E Financial need	5	7
F Innovation	2	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>

## Funding Breakdown

Funding Sources	% Funding of the Total Project Cost	Amount of Funding (£)	Status
Town Council	7	1100	Requested
Own Funds	25	4000	Secured
Income	19	3000	Secured
Other Grants/Fundraising	25	4000	Requested
SSDC Area South Grants	24	3900	This application
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16000</b>	

## Parish Information

Sutton Bingham is in the parish of Closworth. The parish is small and does not charge a precept. As the majority of the members are from Yeovil, the club has submitted an application to Yeovil Town Council.

## Financial Implications

The uncommitted 2009/10 budget stands at £20,426.00. If members agree this award of £3,900, it will leave a balance of £16,526.00.

## Corporate Priority Implications

The project contributes to the following Key Target Area:

3.20 Increase adult participation in sport and active recreation.

## **Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

None

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

***Background Papers:*** Sutton Bingham Canoe Cub funding application file.

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