

7. WESTMINSTER SPORTS INCORPORATED – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration of an application for Discretionary funding of \$2,140 from Westminster Sports Incorporated, to assist with the purchase of a computer, printer, scanner and associated software.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Westminster Sports Incorporated was established in July 2006 to provide active support to seven clubs based in the St Albans area. This support will involve general administration, assistance with communication, asset management and funding assistance. An umbrella organisation brings the benefits of economies of scale and is able to introduce efficient systems and practices. It is envisaged that there will be real benefits for those sports involved, current and future club members, as well as the residents of the surrounding areas
3. Clubs and associations often do not have the time or expertise to develop or position their organisation with a view to the long-term viability of themselves. Many club memberships have been decreasing due to the trends of sedentary behaviour, diverse range of sports being played, and a reduction of volunteerism. The establishment of Westminster Sports Incorporated is one way to guarantee the seven clubs and associations work together to gain the best use of all the resources and to ensure ongoing development.
4. Westminster Sports is seeking funding of \$2,140 to assist with the purchase of computer equipment and programmes. A computer system is essential equipment to enable Westminster Sports to perform its role in a satisfactory manner.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. No financial considerations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a grant of \$2,140 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to Westminster Sports Incorporated for the purchase of computer equipment and programmes.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

OPTIONS

6. In relation to this application the Board could choose to:
 - a) Fully fund as requested.
 - b) Partially fund.
 - c) Decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

7. That the Board agrees to fully fund Westminster Sports Incorporated a grant of \$2,140 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for the purchase of computer equipment and programmes.