

## 8. HILLARY COMMISSION COMMUNITY SPORT FUND CHANGES

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The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with information received from the Hillary Commission in respect to the Community Sport Fund.

### **BACKGROUND**

As Councillors will be aware the Hillary Commission provides the resources and guidelines for the distribution of funds under the Commission's Community Sport Fund and the Council administers this fund on their behalf. The Hillary Commission provided \$396,921 for the 1999/2000 funding round, or \$1.23 per head of population.

The Hillary Commission has recently advised the Council that there will be three changes to the scheme for the 2000/2001 year.

### **CLUB DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

In January 2000 the Hillary Commission published a discussion paper based on the concept of the rationalisation of clubs to form a smaller number of strong organisations with close links to schools, multi-sport clubs and Councils; this concept was called "sportville".

The Commission has received strong support for this concept and now plans to provide support for this concept through the Community Sport Fund to help sport develop a more sustainable future.

At the discretion of each Assessment Committee up to 50% of the Community Sport Fund can be set aside to support a local club development policy that focuses on:

- The formation of multi sport clubs
- Club development
- Improving the services a regional sports organisation provides to clubs.

The balance of the funds will be allocated in the normal way according to the guidelines.

### **RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

Over the past several years the Hillary Commission has received a large amount of feedback from both clubs and Councils in respect of the difficulties faced by junior teams in remote rural areas travelling to their local competition. The Commission has trialed a system over past years and has now decided to introduce a rural travel fund of 20 cents per head of population for those areas with a population density of fewer than 10 people per square kilometre to assist with travel costs for junior teams.

## **PER CAPITA FUNDING LEVEL**

The Commission has advised that, owing to budget constraints, the per capita allocation for 2000/2001 will be \$1.15 per head of population (\$1.23 in 1999/2000) which will result in an allocation of \$372,945 to the Council (population of 324,300). This will mean a reduction of \$25,944 in the resources available to the Council.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That publicity be given to the club development policy so that clubs can give consideration to the development options before the 2000/01 funding round.