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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

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BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Sports Award Subsidy – Level 1 Coaching Awards

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members about the change to the East Lothian Council level of subsidy for UKCC Level 1 Sports Coaching qualifications.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the change to the subsidy offered to local sports coaches for UKCC Level 1 Courses from 50% to 25% and the partnership with sportscotland to offer a collective 75% subsidy.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Coaches and Officials make a valuable contribution to the development of sport and recreation. The East Lothian Council grant is designed to help those working in a voluntary capacity with local clubs to improve their qualifications and to widen their experience for the benefit of local sportspeople. The scheme is open to all clubs based in East Lothian. To be eligible a club must be properly constituted and affiliated to the appropriate Governing Body of Sport. Financial assistance is available to Clubs to support the development of club coaches and officials. Grants are made retrospectively and are based on 50% of course fees, up to a maximum of £175 per person.
- 3.2 **sportscotland** also offers a subsidy of 50% up to £150 for UKCC Level 1 coaching awards. UKCC (United Kingdom Coaching Certificate) is the development of sports governing body coach education programmes so delivery of each sport is consistent across 5 levels. **sportscotland** offer subsidy to Level 1 coaches only from sports that have signed up to the UKCC framework. Level 1 is aimed at assistant coaches.

- 3.3 Currently, a local candidate could apply for both subsidies and receive 100% funding for their coaching award. East Lothian Council offer 50% funding and asks the candidate to fund the other 50% to ensure the candidate is committed to qualification they are undertaking and will actively use the award to deliver sports coaching opportunities to local people.
- 3.4 **sportscotland** and East Lothian Council have agreed to work together to offer local people up to 75% funding for UKCC Level 1 Coaching awards. East Lothian Council will offer 25% retrospective funding and sportscotland will continue to offer 50% retrospective funding for UKCC Level 1 coaching awards only.
- 3.5 East Lothian Council will continue to offer 50%, up to a maximum of £175 for non UKCC Level 1 awards and Level 2 and above.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not directly applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Financial** – The change from 50% subsidy to 25% will have a positive impact on the number of local people who will receive funding towards Level 1 coaching awards. Although the percentage contribution from East Lothian Council has been reduced, a candidate will be able to receive 75% funding based on effective partnership working with sportscotland.

- 6.2 **Personnel** - None.

- 6.3 **Other** – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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