

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

23 May 2011

### Report of the Chief Leisure Officer

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

#### 1 2011 COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

##### Summary

**This report brings forward a recommendation for the 2011 Coach of the Year Award.**

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Members will be aware that this Borough has an excellent structure of sports clubs and colleges, which give a high priority to developing sporting talent. Tonbridge and Malling is one of only a small number of local authorities with two Sports Colleges – The Hayesbrook School in Tonbridge and Aylesford School in the north of the Borough. The success of sport in the Borough is assisted by a number of highly dedicated and committed coaches, who give up much of their spare time voluntarily for others.
- 1.1.2 At the 10 January 2005 meeting of this Board (Decision 050110CAB009), a Lifetime Achievement Award for athletics coaching was awarded to the late Dave Arnold, and it was agreed that in future a Coach of the Year Award be established and nominations be considered by this Board. A number of criteria for judging nominations were approved by Members and it was agreed that an Award Panel, including the Chairman of the Tonbridge Sports Association, the Council's Sports Development Officer, a sports coach and the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Youth and Arts should consider the nominations received and make its recommendations to this Board.

#### 1.2 Nominations Received

- 1.2.1 Nomination forms were sent to sports clubs, schools, Parish Councils and displayed in Larkfield Leisure Centre, the Angel Centre, Tonbridge Pool and Poulton Wood Golf Centre. In addition, details of the Award were posted on the Council's website.
- 1.2.2 Four nominations were received by the closing date, and considered by the Award Panel.

### **1.3 Award Panel Recommendation**

- 1.3.1 The Award Panel met on 19 April 2011 to consider this year's nominees, and to make its recommendation to this Board.
- 1.3.2 The Panel unanimously agreed that the 2011 Coach of the Year Award should be made to athletics coach, Mark Hookway.
- 1.3.3 Mark Hookway is a coach with Tonbridge Athletics Club, having started as a schoolboy athlete himself with the Club. He set up a cross country section in 2003 and it is now the most successful in the junior age groups in Kent. Mark coaches over five sessions a week and has contributed significantly to the Club's membership growing from 200 in 2003 to its current level of just over 500.

### **1.4 Legal Implications**

- 1.4.1 None.

### **1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.5.1 The engraved glass trophy awarded to the Coach of the Year costs approximately £150.

### **1.6 Risk Assessment**

- 1.6.1 None.

### **1.7 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 1.7.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

### **1.8 Policy Considerations**

- 1.8.1 Community, Young People.

### **1.9 Recommendations**

- 1.9.1 Subject to Member comment at the meeting it is **RECOMMENDED** that:
- 1) the 2011 Coach of the Year Award be made to Mark Hookway for his achievements in the development of athletics, particularly cross country and road running; and
  - 2) the award be presented in liaison with Tonbridge Athletics Club at a suitable event in the athletics calendar.

The Chief Leisure Officer confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

Robert Styles  
Chief Leisure Officer

<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation of impacts</b>
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The award is open to all coaches across the Borough involved in sport.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	As above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*