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## First Hire Scheme

### Support for new voluntary groups and societies starting out in Kennington

#### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 The First Hire Scheme is designed to promote the creation of new sports and social opportunities for Kennington residents.

#### 2 Legal base

- 2.1 Expenditure under the First Hire Scheme are made by Kennington Community Council under Local Government Act 1976, Section 19.

#### 3 Funding criteria

- 3.1 A club, society or class organiser based in, or planning to be based within the Community Council area or within 1 kilometre of it may receive funding for the hire of premises, pitches or other spaces necessary to run the club for the first four occasions on which it will meet or be held, within a maximum of £200, provided that:

- 3.1.a Membership or attendance must be open to all Kennington residents who join or pay the regular membership or attendance fee; restrictions based on age or medical condition are allowed where this is normal for similar organisations across England;
- 3.1.b The First Hire Scheme is not open to organisations having political objectives;
- 3.1.c All payments will be made direct to the hire venue on behalf of the applicant who will retain full legal responsibility for the hire and for meeting any conditions laid down by the venue; and
- 3.1.d All hires take place within a period of 18 months from the first hire.

#### 4 Approval procedure

- 4.1 The Clerk is delegated to approve such applications provided that a report is submitted to the next available meeting of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee or Council, whichever comes first.
- 4.2 The Clerk may bring an application to the next available meeting of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee or Council, whichever comes first, where they consider:
- 4.2.a An application is not from a bona fide organisation; or
  - 4.2.b The maximum ceiling of £200 would be exceeded; or
  - 4.2.c The nature of the applicant body may be considered contentious.



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