



## **EMBARGOED UNTIL 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

### **Airtel-Vodafone supports sporting excellence with launch of new grants for Jersey Sports Council members**

Airtel-Vodafone has launched two new grants of £500 each to help develop sporting excellence in Jersey.

The Airtel-Vodafone Power Up Grants are split into two categories. £500 will be awarded to one over 18 individual sportsman/sportswoman whose club is a member of the Jersey Sports Council (JSC). A second grant of £500 will be given as a team award, whose club is also a member of the JSC.

The Airtel-Vodafone Power-Up Grants are being launched at the Jersey Sports Council annual awards dinner at the Radisson Hotel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The grants are intended to help with areas such as equipment funding, facilities and coaching. The deadline for application is 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017; application forms can be found at [www.airtel-vodafone.com/community](http://www.airtel-vodafone.com/community)

Peter Zunino, head of marketing at Airtel-Vodafone said: 'Sport contributes so many benefits to the social and economic wellbeing of the island. Given that our business is all about connecting family, friends and colleagues wherever they are in the world, we were keen to recognise the collaborate benefits that sport has on the island as a whole. We are delighted to be working with the Jersey Sports Council to help develop our local sportsmen and women on the island as well as on the national and international stage.'

Hugh Raymond, Chair of the Jersey Sports Council said: 'The diversity and excellence of sport in Jersey is phenomenal, but there are significant pressures on sports clubs. The Jersey Sports Council is thrilled that Airtel-Vodafone have partnered with us and have generously provided the two Power Up Grants. These grants will be welcomed by the individual athlete and team to which they will be awarded and will undoubtedly make a valuable contribution to their successful development.'

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**Notes for editors:****About the Jersey Sports Council**

The Jersey Sports Council is an independent voluntary group which works to promote the interests of sport in Jersey.

The work covers the encouragement of participation in sport, promotion of sport and the celebration of sports achievements (Jersey Sports Council Awards). The Council also supports and hosts events that generally assist member sports with their development and lobbies relevant States of Jersey and other sport management bodies and service providers to get the “best deal” for sport.

Currently there are 42 member sports, and membership can be granted to governing bodies for sports in Jersey, or where a governing body does not exist, an individual sporting club.

The Sports Council has been in existence since 1972.

**About Airtel-Vodafone**

Airtel-Vodafone is a partnership between two of the world’s leading telecoms companies that have come together to provide the Channel Islands best value network.

Airtel: one of the fastest-growing mobile companies in the world, operating in over 20 countries in Africa and Asia. Airtel is rated as the world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mobile operator by subscribers

Vodafone Group: the largest mobile community in the world, operating in more than 60 countries with more than 400 million customers worldwide.

Airtel-Vodafone brings the combined expertise of these two world-class mobile phone companies to the Channel Islands, giving Islanders the opportunity to benefit from great value mobile communications backed up by a truly global network.