7(b) GROVE ACADEMY (CENTENARY BUILDING) SPORTS HALL - COMMUNITY USE (AN14-2010)

Following discussions with the Education and Leisure and Communities Departments and the Chief Executive it is proposed that the Sports Hall and associated changing areas now be included within the overall refurbishment project for the former Grove Academy.

It is considered desirable to carry out alterations which would facilitate the use of the Sports Hall by Grove Academy for sports periods, special occasions and large events as well as providing use for the community. The works required will allow the use of the building by school and community groups whilst maintaining the integrity and security of the remainder of the building for the other Council client users. The works will include alterations to the existing changing rooms and toilets to provide direct and controlled access. This will require work to the existing doors and security systems to ensure compatibility and interface between the differing security and access needs.

The estimated total cost of this work (including professional fees etc) is £80,000 and approval is sought to develop and include this work within the offer currently being negotiated with Dundee Contract Services. This cost will be contained within the draft Capital Plan which is currently being prepared and will be considered at the Policy and Resources Committee in February 2010.

In addition, the Committee is asked to note that the Director of Leisure and Communities will negotiate with the Education Department, Dundee Leisure and other community bodies to agree the use of this facility.