

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 20 February 2006

REPORT ON: Dundee Gymnastics and Trampolining Strategy 2006 - 2011

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the partnership work to be undertaken to develop and promote Gymnastics and Trampolining within Dundee.
- 1.2 To seek Committee approval for the Gymnastics and Trampolining Strategy document and the principles contained therein, which are designed to develop the sport and provide sporting opportunities at all levels, within all Gymnastics disciplines for citizens of Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the Gymnastics and Trampolining Strategy, support the principles contained therein and remit the council staff involved in the development of the strategy, to continue to work with the existing partners and to develop additional partnership working to implement the action plan.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications of this report. All actions can be contained within existing budgets and through external funding applications.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no Local Agenda 21 implications.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The strategy promotes inclusiveness and equity throughout.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 In 2004 Dundee City Council's, Leisure and Arts Department appointed a Gymnastics Development Officer in partnership with the Education Department. The officer's first task was to undertake an audit of current provision of all Gymnastics and Trampolining within the city.
- 6.2 Extensive consultation was undertaken with all relevant stakeholders to identify key issues and opportunities and to identify an appropriate, progressive pathway and structure to develop Gymnastics and Trampolining in Dundee.
- 6.3 The Dundee Gymnastics and Trampolining Strategy sets a vision for the development of Gymnastics and Trampolining in Dundee over the next 5 years. It encourages the promotion of seamless pathways, reflecting the Long Term Athlete Development model adopted by

British Gymnastics and will target the development of opportunities from grass roots participation through to performance and excellence.

6.4 The Strategy has a clear vision:

"To develop regular, quality and sustainable Gymnastics and Trampoline provision for the children and young people of Dundee, whilst providing opportunities for individuals to be recognised and nurtured to achieve their highest potential in all disciplines."

6.5 The Gymnastics and Trampoline Strategy for 2006 - 2011 will seek to fulfil the following aims:

1: Facility Development

To ensure quality facilities are provided and utilised to their maximum potential and to incorporate recreation, participation, performance and excellence programmes in all disciplines of Gymnastics and Trampoline.

2: People Development

To improve the quality and quantity of active coaches, officials and volunteers within the sports of Gymnastics and Trampoline.

3: Pathways to Performance

To ensure that appropriate, seamless pathways and opportunities exist to enable each individual to reach their highest potential in Gymnastics or Trampoline.

4: Programme Development - Communities and Curriculum

To develop a co-ordinated and quality citywide Gymnastics and Trampoline programme in partnership with local agencies.

5. Club Development

To develop and support effective club structures, encouraging and empowering local clubs to achieve stability and growth.

6.5 The Strategy has been created by the Leisure and Communities Department through the development of partnerships with key agencies. The National Governing Body, Scottish Gymnastics, has endorsed the content of the strategy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Extended consultation was undertaken in the production of the draft strategy. A workshop involving all key partners was held to invite comments and to ensure all partners were in full agreement with the strategy aims and objectives.

7.2 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Dundee Gymnastics Strategy 2006 – 2011
Sport 21 – The National Strategy for Sport

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