

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Education Committee - 15 March 2004  
Personnel Committee - 15 March 2004

**REPORT ON:** Active Schools Programme

**REPORT BY:** Director of Education & Assistant Chief Executive (Management)

**REPORT NO:** 161-2004

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The Committees are asked to note the continuation and extension of funding for the Active Schools Programme and to approve the establishment of a number of fixed term posts to take forward this initiative until March 2007.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Education Committee is requested to approve the:

- i) Continuing secondment of 11 secondary Sports Co-ordinator posts (0.1 FTE) until March 2007;
- ii) Continuing secondment of 2 secondary Sports Co-ordinator posts (0.1 FTE) until March 2007;
- iii) Extension of the Active Primary School Programme to all Dundee primary schools until March 2007; and
- iv) instruct the Director of Education to report progress of the programme at an appropriate date.

The Personnel Committee is requested to approve the establishment of the following posts on a 3 year fixed term basis:

- i) Active Primary School Co-ordinators (7), grade AP5, £22,398 - £24,396 per annum;
- ii) Lead Active Primary School Co-ordinator, grade PO1-4, £24,888 - £27,015 per annum;

## 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 As part of the Active Schools Programme **sportscotland** has provided the following funding for Sports Co-ordinators in schools.

	<b>Title</b>		<b>Posts</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Costs (full year)</b>
a	Sports Co-ordinator (sec)	0.1 FTE	11	Teaching post	£39,820
b	Sports Co-ordinator (sec)	0.1 FTE	2	Teaching post	Fully funded
c	Active Primary School Co-ordinator	1.0 FTE	7	APTC	Fully funded
d	Lead Active Primary School Co-ordinator	1.0 FTE	1	APTC	Fully funded

The 50% match funding (0.1 FTE) by Dundee City Council to the Sports Co-ordinator (sec) posts under item a will be met from within the Education Department revenue budget.

The grant from **sportscotland** covers the period 2004 - 2007.

#### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The implementation of these recommendations will improve the awareness of school pupils of physical activities, which will help encourage improvement in healthy lifestyles.

#### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Active Schools Programme is designed to ensure that all pupils in schools benefit from additional support and access to safe and fun physical activity.

#### **6.0 REPORT**

- 6.1 In collaboration with **sportscotland** Dundee City Council has played a lead role in the development of the School Sports Development Co-ordinator Programme. This was initially targeted on secondary schools and designed to support and augment the curriculum provision of sport through physical education. The Sports Co-ordinators in each secondary School now play a key role in developing additional recreational sport provision for young people in school and in the local community. Funding from **sportscotland** will allow the continuation of 11 secondary Sports Co-ordinators (all secondary schools plus Kingspark Special School). Posts are one day per week and have normally been filled by existing PE staff. These posts are 50% funded by **sportscotland**. In addition, full funding has been provided to permit an additional day per week of Sports Co-ordinator time in two secondary schools.
- 6.2 The success of the secondary school programme encouraged **sportscotland** to extend the programme to primary schools. As a result of its previous success, Dundee City Council took part in a pilot of the Active Primary School Programme. The work of Active Primary School Co-ordinators in two clusters of Dundee primary schools was highly successful in motivating young people to become involved in healthy and fun physical activity. As a result of this success, **sportscotland** is fully funding the extension of the programme to include all primary schools in the City. This will provide 7 Active Primary School Co-ordinators who will work full time with either one or two clusters of primary schools and one Lead Active Primary School Co-ordinator.
- 6.3 Active Primary School Co-ordinators will work with a cluster of primary schools to develop and extend the opportunities for safe and fun physical activities for young people. This will involve developing and supporting physical activities during the school day including the Education Department's Daily Physical Activity Programme and Playground Games Initiative. The Co-ordinators will also help develop sports activities outwith school hours through clubs in schools and in the community.
- 6.4 The Active Primary School Co-ordinators will join the network of Dundee Sports Co-ordinators. Their work will be co-ordinated on a day to day basis by the Lead Active Primary Co-ordinator under the overall management of the Sports Development Officer.

- 6.5 The Active Schools Programme also includes services and programmes of the Leisure and Arts Department and therefore a Joint Implementation Plan 2003-2007 has been created between **sportscotland**, Education Department and the Leisure and the Arts Department to ensure overall coordination of sport and physical activity programmes across the city.

## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 The **sportscotland** Active Primary School Programme builds on highly successful and effective work in Dundee to develop and extend the participation of young people in sports activities. The programme is integrated into the Education Department Development Plan 2002 – 2005 as part of the Health Promoting Schools Project. This is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle for all staff and pupils in Dundee schools. These developments also take account of the City Sports Strategy.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Director of Leisure and Arts and Head Teachers of city schools have been consulted in the preparation of this report. The trade unions have also been consulted.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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