

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE –MARCH 19th 2001

REPORT ON: GRANT AID TO OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUBS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 190-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to award grants up to £1000 to a number of out of school care clubs in Dundee. Details of the proposed allocation of these grant awards is given at Appendix 2.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note the contents of this Report and approve the proposed award of grants to out of school care clubs, as outlined in Appendix 2.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full costs of this proposal, £11, 721.77 as shown in Appendix 2 will be met from Scottish Executive Grants for Childcare made available to the Education Department.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The grants awarded will improve access to skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This proposal will enhance choice and diversity in out of school care provision, improving equality of access and further strengthening Partnership across sectors.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Scottish Executive has provided grant to individual authorities for childcare infrastructure and new projects to support the provision of out of school care and family support services.

6.2 In Report 746/1999 the Committee noted, amongst other things, the transfer of responsibility from the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department for the award of grants to pre-school playgroups and other community based early years groups.

7.0 CURRENT SITUATION

7.1 Dundee currently has 14 Out of School Care Clubs registered to provide childcare services under the Children Act 1989 with Dundee City Council. Out of School Care Clubs are managed by voluntary management committees, comprising parents.

7.2 These organisations rely on income derived from fees and fundraising to maintain their activities, pay rents and pay staff wages. Grants previously awarded, have provided these organisations with opportunities to enhance provision and through the support provided by members of the Early Years and Childcare Partnership Team, enable them to develop quality services in line with relevant targets identified within the Dundee Early Years and Childcare Plan 2000-2003.

8.0 PROPOSAL

8.1 Out of School Care Clubs, were invited to submit bids for grant funding in March 2001. A guidance note was provided to respective groups (see Appendix 1), to support bids and to target key areas for funding.

8.2 A Grant Bids Panel met on 28th February 2001 to consider applications. The Panel included representation from Education Department, Early Years and Childcare Team, Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department and Out of School Care Clubs.

8.3 The Applications reflect the wide-ranging activities offered within the clubs in Dundee and the desire to improve quality of provision. Clubs have requested funding to support the buying-in of Art Specialists, to purchase musical instruments, to fund sports equipment, to provide resources to support a homework club, to buy much needed games, toys and arts & craft materials and to fund excursions for children, who would not otherwise have this kind of experience during holidays.

8.4 Appendix 2, outlines a summary of bids and the recommendations of the Panel. It is proposed to provide funding to support a range of resources, which will enhance the quality of provision. Up to £1000 will be provided to Registered Out of School Care Clubs respectively.

8.5 Members of the Early Years and Childcare Team will continue to support and monitor the activities of all groups who will receive funding.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 The Directors of Support Services, Social Work and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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.

11.0 SIGNATURES

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Director of Education

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Date

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**FUNDING FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUBS IN DUNDEE – March, 2001****GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS****1. CONDITIONS OF FUNDING**

- 1.1 Only Out of School Clubs registered under the Children Act 1989, with Dundee City Council can apply for Grant Funding
- 1.2 Completed Application Forms will be lodged with Christine Riach, Early Years and Childcare Partnership Officer by 23rd February, 2001.
- 1.3 Grants will not exceed £1,000
- 1.4 Providers will nominate a representative from the Club's Management Committee who will undertake to ensure that Grant funds will be disbursed as agreed in the original application within 6 months of payment
- 1.5 Providers will be open to evaluation of the impact of the Grant Funding by members of the Early Years and Childcare Team and to auditing of Grant Funding by Dundee City Council Finance Department
- 1.6 Applications will reflect one or more of the key initiatives/areas outlined below

2.0 TARGET INITIATIVES/AREAS

The following areas should be incorporated within your application for funding

- 2.1 Provision of quality resources/facilities for young people aged 10-14
- 2.2 Provision of quality resources/facilities for children with Special Educational Needs
- 2.3 Large physical play resources
- 2.4 Resources/equipment to support play/activity programme development
- 2.5 Resources to support Out of School Learning/Homework Support
- 2.6 Educational ICT resources (computer, printer, software packages)
- 2.7 Specific projects to promote arts, sports, cultural activities

Appendix 2

This table outlines proposed grant awards to Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee.

Name of Club	Amount requested £	Award £
Cherry Drop Club	£997.97	£997.97
School's Out	£999.29	£999.29
Park Place Fun Factory	£826.13	£826.13
BJ's Blackness	£940.00	£940.00
BJ's St. Joseph's	£960.68	£960.68
Boomerang Club, Douglas	£1000.00	£1000.00
Glebelands	£997.70	£997.70
Barnhill	£1002.71	£1000.00
Downfield	£1023.00	£1000.00
Forthill	£1001.25	£1000.00
Kids Fun House, Whitfield	£1015.72	£1000.00
Happy Hours, Ardler	£1130.00	£1000.00
TOTAL		£11,721.77