

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 28 APRIL 2008

REPORT ON: BREAKFAST CLUBS

**JOINT REPORT BY: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (MANAGEMENT)
AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

REPORT NO: 209-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report sets out proposals to further extend the provision of Breakfast Clubs to another ten identified primary schools within Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- i note the contents of this report and;
- ii approve the establishment of ten Breakfast Clubs within the following primary schools; Claypotts Castle, Dens Rd, Fintry, Glebelands, Lochee, Longhaugh/St Luke's & St Matthew's, Mill of Mains, Newfields, Our Lady's/Rosebank and Rowantree, and
- iii note that the Assistant Chief Executive (Management) and the Director of Education will progress the necessary establishment changes as outlined in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of the proposals within this report will be £56,000 in 2008/09 and £90,000 in a full financial year.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Breakfast Clubs were initially piloted in the Baldrigon cluster of schools. These were established by the New Integrated Community Schools programme in October 2001. From August 2003 three other clubs were established in SS Peter and Paul, St Clement's and Charleston Primary Schools. Tayside Contracts are the service provider and the clubs are staffed by a Breakfast Club Supervisor and Assistant.

4.2 These clubs were established to improve health, including oral health, raise levels of attendance and attainment and support personal and social development.

4.3 Research has demonstrated that providing breakfast can improve wellbeing by diminishing hunger. Breakfast is proven to have a significant impact on learning and to improve social and emotional well being.

- 4.4 Following positive evaluation of the existing clubs, it is proposed to extend the provision to a further ten identified primary schools. Following consultation with Head Teachers and consideration of factors such as the Scottish Indices of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), Clothing Grant and Free Meal uptake in the ten identified schools; Claypotts Castle, Dens Rd, Fintry, Glebelands, Lochee, Longhaugh/St Luke's and St Matthew's, Mill of Mains, Newfields, Our Lady's/Rosebank and Rowantree.
- 4.4 Food is provided by Tayside Contracts. The cost is offset by a pupil contribution of 25 pence, but Head Teachers may exercise discretion in cases of need. The overall cost of establishing a Breakfast Club, including salary and food costs, is £9,000. Ten clubs will incur a cost of £90,000.
- 4.5 It is proposed that the following staff are appointed in each of the identified schools:
- i 10 x Breakfast Club Supervisors, 5.5 hours per week term time only, grade 5, £15,550-£17,267 pro rata
 - ii 10 x Breakfast Club Assistants, 6.25 hours per week term time only, grade 3, £13,215-£15,106 pro rata
- 4.6 By consolidating the existing provision and establishing a further ten clubs from August 2008 there will be an equity of provision across the city to target the needs of the most vulnerable pupils.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environment Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 5.2 There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and Head Teachers. The trade unions have also been consulted.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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