

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 11 March 2002

REPORT ON: Formation of Leisure and Arts Services Committee

REPORT BY: Chief Executive

REPORT NO: 210-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the formation of a new Leisure and Arts Services Committee, with responsibility for the current business of the Leisure Services and Arts and Heritage Committees.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council agree to the formation of a Leisure and Arts Services Committee to replace the current Leisure Services and Arts and Heritage Committees.
- 2.2 That it be remitted to the Director of Support Services to draft, implement and circulate the necessary changes to Standing Orders to reflect the merger of these two Committees into a Leisure and Arts Services Committee.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There will be no additional financial implications as a consequence of this report.

4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Leisure and Arts Services Committee will emphasise equality for all and access to the City's leisure and arts services.

5 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is anticipated that the new Leisure and Arts Services Committee will emphasise the delivery of leisure and arts services in ways that will ensure that local needs are met locally, access is strengthened and increased and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 At its meeting on 18 June 2001, the Policy and Resources Committee approved the merger of the the Leisure and Parks and Arts and Heritage Departments into a new Leisure and Arts Department; and approved the transfer of certain grounds maintenance and related works to Dundee Contract Services.

- 6.2 Following detailed consultation with trade unions, progress has now been achieved in relation to the merger. All staff have been advised of their roles within the new merged department with the general agreement of trade unions. Detailed consultation is ongoing regarding rotas in relation to Parks manual workers.
- 6.3 The new merged department takes over responsibility for all of the City's parks, indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, museums and art facilities and relationships with external sports and arts providers from 1 April 2002. Dundee Contract Services similarly takes responsibility for non-parks related grounds maintenance, limited cyclical works within Parks, and client and contractor roles for ground maintenance for all other Council departments.
- 6.4 It is therefore proposed to form a new Leisure and Arts Services Committee to replace the existing Leisure Services and Arts and Heritage Committees, with this to take effect from 1 April 2002.
- 6.5 The merger of these two Committees will necessitate integration of the Orders of Reference for both into one and will require their consequential amendment throughout Standing Orders. It should be remitted to the Director of Support Services to draft the necessary changes and implement them, notifying all effected/interested parties in due course concerning the changes made.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Personnel and Management Services, Director of Dundee Contract Services and Director of Leisure and Arts have been consulted on the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 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 this report).

Chief Executive _____ Date _____