

REPORT TO: Leisure Arts and Communities Committee -10 January 2011
REPORT ON: Tayside and Fife Sporting Partnership - Revenue Support 2010/2011
REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities
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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report recommends that r revenue grant funding for Tayside and Fife Sporting Partnership for the year 2010/2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee approves the level of revenue grant funding amounting to £5,750.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The recommendation for funding is £5,750 which can be contained within the Leisure and Communities Revenue Budget 2010/2011.

3.2 The funding for the Tayside and Fife Sporting Partnership includes an equivalent funding contribution from the Partner Local Authorities including Fife Council (£5,700), P&K Council ((2,875), P&K Leisure Trust (£2,875) and Angus Council (£5,700).

3.3 The terms and conditions relating to these payments will be set out within a Partnership Agreement between Dundee City Council and Tayside and Fife Sporting Partnership.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 **sportscotland's** decision to develop a regional infrastructure across Scotland has been informed by the knowledge and expertise gained from the four year pilot Sports Partnerships in SportTayside & Fife and SportCentral. This experience, in addition to the existing Area Institute model which spans Scotland, has provided the basis of The New Tayside and Fife Sporting Partnership.

4.2 The Tayside & Fife Sporting Partnership aims to maximise shared contributions to the delivery of 'Reaching Higher' and 'Scotland Performs' which are key policies of the Scottish Government and provide a link between national and local priorities. The partnership will facilitate strategic planning across the region, identifying and coordinating contributions of partners and, additional to partners individual roles and responsibilities, will help identify and deliver programmes and opportunities which will maximise shared contributions to 'Reaching Higher'.

4.3 The Tayside & Fife Sporting Partnership is a vehicle to increase participation and improve performance founded on the premise that we will achieve more by working collectively, specifically on those things that each partner cannot do as well, or at all, by working individually. As well as the wide remit to explore partnership working and shared services across the region, the partnership has an operational remit to deliver sporting pathways. This umbrella agreement will look to strengthen collaborative working whilst providing opportunity for sub-agreements to be created where required. Each partner is an organisation in their own right and as such has strong governance in place.

4.4 **Strategic Priorities**

a) Providing a Pathway for Sport

- (i) Build and support the capacity of Scotland's sports clubs and community organisations, where possible, to deliver quality and accessible sport.
- (ii) Implement new and existing player development programmes for National and Regional athletes. Including sport specific programmes and support services where appropriate

b) Well-trained People

- (i) Ensure that the right coaches and volunteers are in the right place at the right time to deliver effective sporting pathways
- (ii) Support the training and development of National, Regional and Local Scottish Governing Bodies (SGB) coaches that operate within the region.
- (iii) Provide day-to-day leadership for regional development staff ensuring we work as a team in a learning and knowledge sharing environment.

c) Strong Organisations

- (i) Integrate the planning, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of local and national organisations responsible for sport.
- (ii) Support regional development staff to lead the establishment, delivery and monitoring of sport specific plans, ensuring they reflect the priorities of the SGB's and the local region.
- (iii) Promote continuous improvement and support the development of our partner organisations where possible.

d) Quality Facilities

- (i) Ensure local and national facility planning is well informed and strategically coordinated to meet the needs of stakeholder, maximise impact on participation and performance.

4.5 **sportscotland** will allocate dedicated staff to each Regional Sporting Partnership to build a strong partnership whilst maintaining individual relationships with local partners and SGB's (Sports Governed Bodies) where appropriate, and will include other partners such as leisure trusts, FE/HE (Further Education and Higher Education), Sports Councils and commercial providers based on local need. The Regional Sporting Partnership will drive the agenda within the principles and functions identified whilst providing a streamlined mechanism for communications and external agencies e.g. SGB's will have 6 Regional Sporting Partnerships to engage with as opposed to 32 Local Authorities and trusts.

sportscotland is providing the investment for the six new Regional Sporting Partnerships in terms of the core staff and the facility infrastructure. In addition it is providing investment to the governing bodies who are currently appointing the Regional Development Managers who will work in the new network. It has also indicated it will fully fund the Institute Network and that no ongoing annual investment will be required from Local Authorities.

Following on from discussions with the SportTayside & Fife Management Team, it was proposed that each of the four Local Authority partners continue to invest £5,750. This will enable current and new programmes to be accelerated over 2010-11 and maintain the Partnership's leading role in Scottish sport. The new four year forecast will be discussed as soon as practically possible after that to enable long term budgets to be identified and set.

This investment would be managed through a new ring-fenced budget already established within **sportscotland** for the new Tayside & Fife Sporting Partnership.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major implications.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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