

**REPORT TO:** EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**REPORT ON:** PROVISION OF CHILDCARE STRATEGY FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF OUT OF SCHOOL CARE IN DUNDEE

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**REPORT NO:** 221-2008

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to continue to provide funding and support for Out of School Care in Dundee.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee

- i note and approve the contents of this report and:
- ii approve the funding of grants to 20 Out of School Care Clubs across Dundee which will be disseminated through Dundee Out of School Care Network.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal is £19978.33 in the current financial year (2008-09). This will be met from funding made available to the Local Authority for Childcare Strategy. A summary of the proposed expenditure is attached at Appendix 1.

## 4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Out of School Care Clubs provide a valuable service to families across Dundee, enabling parents and carers to work or take up training while their children are looked after in a safe, caring, stimulating environment. Out of School Care Clubs have benefited from a range of input aimed at strengthening their sustainability, improving the quality of provision and supporting the often over-burdened management committees. This support is particularly valuable in those clubs serving populations on low incomes.
- 4.2 All clubs are voluntary organisations run by parent management committees and they employ trained playworkers to look after the children before and after school and during school holidays and in-service days. Clubs are non profit-making organisations and have to cover their staff wages, outings, visits, art materials, equipment and all other expenses through parental fees.
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4.3 There are currently 20 Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee. All clubs are members of Dundee Out of School Care Network which is a fully constituted and well established group.

4.4 This proposal seeks approval to award grants of up to £1000 to each of the 20 Out of School Clubs across the City to be disseminated by Dundee Out of School Care Network. This will provide much needed financial support to clubs who are struggling on very tight budgets and will enable them to purchase additional resources for use by children or training for staff.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy 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**

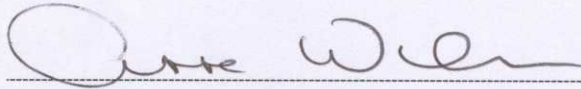
6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Director of Social Work and Director of Leisure and Communities and Head of Finance.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

Due to the timescales involved these Grants must be made within the current financial year (2007/2008) and therefore this report was approved by the Director of Education in consultation with the Convener of Education and the appropriate Groups spokespersons.

Anne Wilson  
Director of Education



Date

25/03/08

Convener of the Education Committee



Date

26/03/08

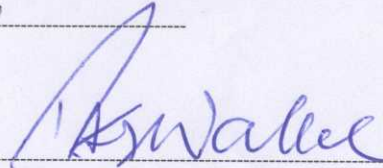
Spokesperson for the SNP Group



Date

26/03/08.

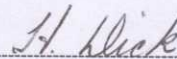
Spokesperson for the Conservative Group



Date

26 March 2008.

Spokesperson for the Liberal Democrat Group



Date

24/03/08.

## FINANCIAL OUTLINE

Financial Year 2008/09

Club Name	Amount Requested
Barnhill OSC	£1000.00
BJ's Blackness	£985.27
BJ's St Joseph's	£993.49
Boomerang	£1000.00
Cherry Drop Club	£991.91
Craigiebarn Owls OSC Club	£1000.00
Downfield OSC Club	£1000.00
Finmill OSC Club	£1000.00
Forthill OSC Club	£1000.00
Fun Factory	£1000.00
Glebelands OSC Club	£1000.00
Happy House	£999.66
Hilltown OSC Club	£1000.00
Kids Fun House	£1000.00
Lochee OSC	£1000.00
Menzieshill OSC Club	£1000.00
Mill of Mains OSC Club	£1000.00
Rainbow OSC Club	£1000.00
St Clement's OSC Club	£1000.00
School's Out	£1000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19978.33</b>