

REPORT TO: Leisure Services Committee of 17 April 2000

REPORT ON: Dick McTaggart Centre – Proposed Lease to Dundee College

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Parks

REPORT NO: 268-2000

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Seek approval from the Leisure Services Committee to proceed and enter into a 2 year lease agreement between Dundee College and Dundee City Council in respect of the Dick McTaggart Centre, Old Glamis Road, Dundee

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the principles of the lease agreement, all as outlined in Section 6 of this report and remits the appropriate Officers to finalise and conclude the lease agreements on this basis.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The net saving, as agreed at the Policy & Resources Committee on 9 March 2000, is £100,000. This is based on savings in operating costs of the facilities from the Leisure and Parks Department's Revenue Budget and rental income from the proposed lease with Dundee College.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 There will be no loss in leisure opportunities, as part of the leasing arrangement specifically require public access to be maintained on the same basis as is currently experienced.

6. MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The City Council were approached by Dundee College in respect of a possible lease agreement for the Dick McTaggart Centre which is located next to the college's Kingsway campus.

The Policy & Resources Committee of 9 March 2000 agreed to the proposed savings of £100,000 within the Leisure & Parks Department 2000-2001 Revenue budget for the implementation of this arrangement. Officers of the Council have entered into detailed discussion with both the College Officials and Trade Unions in respect of the proposed lease.

- 6.2 The basis of the proposed agreement is therefore as follows:

1. The facilities covered under the lease is the Dick McTaggart Centre, the outdoor courts, including the bowling greens and the area of ground extending northwards from the College boundary to Gilburn Road. Not the grass football pitches.
2. The lease will be for a duration of approx 2 years commencing from June 2000

3. Public access at the moment is from:-

Monday-Thursday	4.00 pm-10.00 pm
Friday	10.00 am-10.00 pm
Weekends	10.00 am-6.00 pm

Public access and level of service will primarily be retained on this basis.

4. Charges for activities and facilities to be set at the same level as the Leisure and Parks Department facilities, all as per the annual review of charges.

5. The grounds maintenance only will be carried out by the Leisure and Parks Department for those areas outwith the boundary fences of the Sports Centre and outdoor courts.

6.3 There will be no redundancies in that existing staff will be relocated within the Leisure & Parks Department. Discussions are ongoing with the Trade Unions in this respect. A number of equivalent positions exist in the Department and are currently being filled by relief staff.

6.4 The estimated revenue saving is £100,000. This includes income for the lease and a saving in the operating costs of the facilities.

6.5 The Committee are asked to remit Officers to enter into a lease agreement based on the principles outlined on 6.2 and 6.3, and finalise any minor details prior to 1 June 2000.

7. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Personnel & Management Services have been consulted.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. SIGNED

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Director of Leisure & Parks

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Date