

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Personnel and Management Services Committee - 19 May 2003

REPORT ON: New Opportunities Fund - PE and Sport Initiative

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts, Director of Social Work, Director of Education and Director of Personnel and Management Services

REPORT NO: 271-2003

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request Committee approval for the PE and Sport Initiative, involving the establishment of 10 posts, which would be funded externally by the New Opportunities Fund.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to approve:-

- 2.1 the establishment of 1 post of Sports Development Officer, graded AP5 (£22,398 - £24,396), 5 posts of Sports Officer, graded AP3 (£17,340 - £19,029), 1 post of Sports Administrator, graded AP1 (£14,211 - £15,204), and 1 post of Clerical Assistant, graded GS3 (£13,650 - £14,211), all for a 3 year fixed term period based within the Leisure and Arts Department;
- 2.2 the establishment of 2 posts of Sports Outreach Officer, graded AP3 (£17,340 - £19,029), for a 3 year fixed term period based within the Education Department.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total annual cost in 2003/04 of the above posts is £208,842. This will be funded externally by the New Opportunities Fund.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals would assist in improving the health of children within the community.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposals would continue to reflect priority to the Council's commitment to equal opportunities.

6 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to Report No. 45-2003 to the Policy and Resources Committee of the 9 September 2002, by the Director of Personnel and Management Services, Director of Leisure and Arts, Director of Education, Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development and Director of Social Work, where the New Opportunity Fund proposals were approved.

Physical Activity and Sport Project

6.2 The project will provide a comprehensive Out of School Hours physical activity and sports programme primarily for P1 - S2 pupils which will contribute to the general well being, health and overall self esteem of children in Dundee.

6.3 The programme is divided into four components:-

- Provision of playground activities at intervals and lunch periods.
- Provision of activities for P1 - P4 pupils at lunch periods and after school hours.
- Provision of sports specific and alternative activities for P5 - S2 pupils at lunch time and after school.
- Provision of holiday programmes for P1 - S2 and a specific holiday programme targeted at S3 - S4.

6.4 The 3 year programme will work directly with local sports clubs and groups to support and encourage them to provide sustainable activities across the city throughout life. The sustainability of the programme is centred around the training and development of volunteers, coaches, community leaders, senior secondary school pupils, students and professional workers such as teachers, playground supervisors, etc.

6.5 The programme will be implemented city wide through a "cluster" approach, which links a cluster of primary schools to the secondary school and their local community clubs and facilities through the support of Sports Development professional officers.

6.6 Consultation has already taken place with the Personnel and Management Services Department, Sport Tayside, **sportscotland**, National Governing Bodies of Sport, Dundee City Sports Council and member clubs and many other local partners.

6.7 The employees based within the Leisure and Arts Department will be line managed by the Principal Sports Development Officer.

Sports Outreach Service Project

6.8 This strand of the New Opportunities Fund Project is targeted at "Looked After" children and those who are at risk of offending across the City. The service will develop a range of sports activity options in conjunction with mainstream services. It also aims to provide links with parents/carers of potential young offenders and facilitate their involvement in a range of resources.

6.9 The programme will have the following main components:-

- To establish a supportive relationship with individual children who are "looked after" by the City Council, with a view to increasing their involvement in physical sporting activity, including after school hours and during school holidays
- To recruit and train mentors to assist in achieving the aims of the service

- To provide links with parents/carers of and facilitate their involvement in a range of resources
- To specifically develop relevant physical activity sport programmes for young women who are “looked after”

6.10 The programme will particularly target those who are most in need of diversionary activity. This will include children who are in residential settings, foster care, under supervision at home, or otherwise at risk of becoming involved in offending or anti-social behaviour.

6.11 The service will be located with the Kick It-Kick Off Project, based within the Community Learning Centre at Dens Park. The service will be managed by a multi-agency steering group, consisting of representatives from the Departments of Social Work, Leisure and Arts, and Education, in addition to the Youth Justice Co-ordinator. However employees working for the Sports Outreach Service will be line managed by the Kick It-Kick Off Project Co-ordinator.

7 **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning have all been consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8 **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.

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