

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MAY 21st 2001

REPORT ON: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TO OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUBS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to operate a pilot initiative from August 2001- June 2002 to improve provision of sports development activities within all Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note the contents of this Report and approves the funding of £12,000.00 to the Sports Development Unit.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal, £12,000, will be met from funding for New Childcare Projects made available to the Education Department by the Scottish Executive. A detailed financial outline is appended to this report.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The grant awarded will improve access to skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This proposal will enhance choice and diversity in out of school care provision, improving equality of access and further strengthening Partnership across sectors.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Scottish Executive has provided grant to individual authorities for new childcare projects to support the provision of out of school care and family support services

7.0 CURRENT SITUATION

7.1 Dundee currently has 14 Out of School Care Clubs (with a further 2 due to open in May 2001) registered to provide childcare services under the Children Act 1989 Dundee City Council. Out of School Care Clubs are managed by voluntary management committees, comprising mainly parents.

7.2 Clubs set fees at a level affordable to parents. These organisations rely on income derived from fees and fundraising to maintain their activities, pay rents and to pay staff wages. Grants previously awarded, have provided these organisations with opportunities to enhance provision. The support provided by members of the Early Years and Childcare Partnership Team also enables clubs to develop quality services in line with relevant targets identified within the Dundee Early Years and Childcare Plan 2000-2004.

8.0 PROPOSAL

- 8.1 Out of School Care Clubs have identified the need for improved activities within the clubs which could be offered on a planned regular basis and which would capture the young people's interest whilst improving the overall quality of provision. Clubs have also identified the need to offer activities which hold the interest of older Primary 6 and 7 pupils.
- 8.2 A SIP1 funded initiative in 3 Out of School Clubs to promote sports development was highly successful and popular with young people and their playworkers. The initiative builds on the skills and confidence of playworkers and will give them with the expertise to provide sports activities routinely within the clubs.
- 8.3 The Dundee Out of School Care Network has expressed a commitment to extending the range of provision on offer to children and young people taking up services. Sports activities promote children's health, physical development and team building skills. This initiative will mean that all children in Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee can benefit. This will address the considerable concern currently being expressed about the lack of physical activity of many of our young people today.
- 8.4 This proposal will combine sports development with teamwork skills, and will offer increased physical exercise and social development for all children who attend the clubs. Children will be encouraged to develop these skills within a safe caring environment and at their own pace. Experienced staff from the Sports Development Unit will facilitate the sessions.
- 8.5 The Sports Development Unit will provide four, 6 week blocks, of sports development to 13 clubs in Dundee from the beginning of the new session. The other 3 clubs, currently receiving limited Sports Development through SIP funding, would each receive 4 weeks top-up during the year.
- 8.6 This pilot project will run, in the first instance, through one school session. The project has been developed as the result of a successful partnership between the Early Years and Childcare Team, the Sports Development Unit and The Dundee Out of School Care Network. The Early Years and Childcare Team will review and evaluate the initiative and will produce a report on its progress at the end of the pilot period.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Director of Leisure and Parks, the Director of Social Work, The Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development, The Director of Finance and the Director of Support Services.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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 the above Report.

11.0 SIGNATURE

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Director of Education

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Date

APPENDIX 1**Sports Development Pilot Project****Sports Development Unit / Dundee Out of School Care Network**

This pilot project will be delivered by the Sports Development Unit.

The project will begin in at the start of the forthcoming school session, 2001, and will continue throughout the school year with each club accessing sports development coaching.

13 Out of School Care Clubs will each receive 4 blocks of 6 weeks Sports Development a year.

3 Out of School care Clubs, already receiving some Sports Development funded through SIPS, will receive 1 block of 4 weeks each year.

13 clubs @ £30 session x 24 sessions per year	£9360.00
3 SIP clubs @ £30 session x 4 sessions per year	£360.00
Purchase of Equipment	£2280.00
Total Cost	<u>£12,000.00</u>