

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 16 JUNE 2003

REPORT ON: FUNDING TO SUPPORT MID CRAIGIE AND LINLATHEN UNDER 12'S PROJECT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 418-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the provision of childcare funding for the Mid Craigie and Linlathen Under 12's Project as detailed in appendix 1.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note and approve the contents of this Report and approve the provision of funding to the Mid Craigie and Linlathen Under 12's Project.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal will be £19585 in the financial year 2003/2004. This will be met from Childcare New Projects funding made available to local authorities by the Scottish Executive. Appendix 1 details how this funding will be allocated.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This funding will support and improve access to services, skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These proposals will enhance choice and diversity in childcare and family support provision in Dundee and will further strengthen partnership with the voluntary sector.

6.0 BACKGROUND

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

6.2 The Under 12's Project is a voluntary organisation, formed in October 1998 as an amalgamation of Rainbow House Community Association and One Parent Families Scotland's Cherry Drop Out of School Care Club. It became wholly locally managed in April 2000. The Project caters primarily for families with children under 12 years of age who live in the Mid Craigie and Linlathen areas of Dundee and their environs and who are in the catchment area for Mid Craigie, Mossgiel and St. Vincent's Primary Schools.

7.3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 7.1 The Project operates from two sites. Rainbow House from which all non childcare services are delivered, and a self-contained space within Mid Craigie Primary School from where the Cherry Drop Out of School Care Club operates. During the course of each week 405 childcare places are taken up across the Project in services ranging from out of school care at Cherry Drop to children's groups, pre-5 work, homework clubs, lunch clubs and drop-in groups at Rainbow
- 7.2 As a provider of out of school care, the Project is a member of the Dundee Out of School Care Network. Like the Under 12's Project's Cherry Drop Club, all voluntary sector out of school care clubs within Dundee are managed by parent led committees. The Project's Cherry Drop Club has the benefit of being the longest functioning club in the City, bringing a wealth of experience to the Network. Additionally the Project has a skilled and experienced staff team including a full-time administrator.

7.3 PROPOSAL

The proposal aims to provide funding to continue and further develop the Under 12's Project which will enable them to develop services to:

- ensure the development of work with 5 – 12 year olds living in and around the Linlathen area by the provision of positive recreational, leisure and educational activities.
- further develop lunch clubs at Mossgiel Primary School for children in primaries one to five, working in conjunction with the school to alleviate playground tension.
- provide resources to support NOF funded groups which deliver an Art Club, a Drama Club, a Young Explorer's Club, a Brainteaser's Club, a Citizenship Club, a Storytelling Club and a Homework Club. These clubs were set up to encourage opportunities for educational enhancement in an informal learning environment. Funding is sought to allow six initiatives to take place once a week throughout the school term, outwith school hours.
- provide resources to develop the Out of School Care Club to enable the provision to become self-sustaining.
- develop work with the pre-five age group which includes Playgroups and Parent and Toddler Groups. Groups will continue to run three mornings a week. Funding is sought to further develop this well used provision, provide additional resources and increase staffing levels.

- 7.4 The Project will continue to be monitored and supported by the Early Years and Childcare Team.

7.0 CONSULTATION

This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, the Directors of Social Work, Support Services, Finance and Neighbourhood Resources and development.

8.0 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.

ANNE WILSON
Director of Education
29th May 2003

APPENDIX 1

6 Educational Initiatives each week

Staff Costs/Educational Resources	3066.00
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Drop-in Lunch Club at Mid Craigie

40 weeks Staff Costs	1408.00
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After School Activities in Linlathen

40 weeks staff costs	3182.40
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Resources	550.00
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Lunch Clubs at Mossgiel

40 weeks staff costs	1841.20
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Pre-5 Provision

Staffing Costs	3238.10
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Resources	1300.00
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Support to Cherry Drop Club

Resources	5000.00
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