

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- 19 JUNE 2000**

**REPORT ON: THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1963
THE CHILDREN (PERFORMANCES) REGULATIONS 1968**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 425-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee of the situation regarding the Dundee Operatic Society and Dundee Junior Showtime for the purposes of Section 37 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves Dundee Operatic Society and Dundee Junior Showtime for the purposes of Section 37 of the Children and Young Persons Act.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications for the Authority.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Equal Opportunities implications.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Children generally require licences from the City Council before taking part in performances in Dundee.

In terms of the 1963 Act a licence is not however required if the performance is given under arrangements made by a body of persons approved by the local authority in whose area the performance takes place. The Dundee Gang Show, Thomson Leng Youth Music Theatre, Downfield Musical Society and the Dorwin Stage School have already been approved for these purposes.

6.2

The Council have received two requests for approval:

(i) Dundee Operatic Society

The Dundee Operatic Society is a well-established amateur musical organisation. The Society holds parental consent forms in respect of all child members of the Society.

(ii) Dundee Junior Showtime

Dundee Junior Showtime is a well-established amateur children's Theatre Group. The Group holds parental consent forms in respect of all child members of the Society.

In the circumstances it is felt appropriate to approve the Dundee Operatic Society and Dundee Junior Showtime, the effect of which will be that no licences will be required for children to take part in their performances in Dundee.

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CONSULTATIONS

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The Director of Support Services and Director of Finance were consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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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.

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Director of Education

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Date