

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 27 October 2008

REPORT ON: Community Use of PPP Primary Schools

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities
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REPORT NO: 433-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report seeks the Committee's approval for a programme of community usage in the PPP Primary schools.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the undernoted proposals for the community usage and charges in the new PPP Primary Schools

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The proposal is to provide a cost neutral programme of activities. Any costs incurred from the PPP Contractor, Robertson FM for additional hours and the cost of sport coaches etc. will be covered by the charges set for the activities and facilities hire. As the Primary schools become available for community usage their financial plans will be based on the same principles of being cost neutral.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Sports Provision

3 of the new PPP Primary schools in Dundee, are to have a provision for community usage of their sports halls. These are:

- St Andrew's Primary (replacing St Margaret's and St Columba's)
Games Hall size 39 metres x 22 metres.
- Craigowl Primary (replacing Brackens & Macalpine)
Games Hall size 34 metres x 19 metres.
- Fintry Primary.
Games Hall size 34 metres x 19 metres

The proposal is for these 3 PPP primary school's sportshalls, outside of school usage, to be utilised for Club Dundee and Sports Development, as allocated by the City Council's Sports Management Group. This group is made up of Active Schools from the Education Department and the Sports Development Section from the Leisure and Communities Department.

The schools will have use of the sports facilities from 08.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs with Active Schools Programmes from 16.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs during the week, and priority of use on Saturday morning from 09.00 hrs till 13.00hrs. The sportshalls will not be available on weeknights after 21.00hrs, Saturday afternoon or Sundays unless an additional charge is paid to the PPP Contractor, Robertson FM.

The Sports Management Group would allocate usage of the sportshall for 4 nights available per week, after 18.00 hrs, over a 36 week year.

Two nights per week from 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs would be allocated to Club Dundee. These are accredited clubs with the Sports Development Section, which are endorsed by Dundee Sports Council. They would enter into a block booking arrangement with 2 sessions each night available. A payment would be made to the PPP Contractor, Robertson's FM for the additional hour.

The other 2 nights per week would be utilised by the Sports Management Group for Sports Development/Active Schools programmes from 18.00 hrs till 21.00 hrs.

It is proposed that the sports programmes managed by the Sports Management Group start at dates to be agreed by the Director of Education in consultation with the relevant Head Teachers.

The Sports Management Group would organise the provision of coaches and manage their recruitment, attendance, monitoring and evaluation etc. for Sports Development and Active Schools activities. The coaches would be employed by the Leisure and Communities Department or Education Department on the same rates of pay as existing coaches.

The income generated from the activities, classes and facility hire will pay for the charge for the additional hour of the facilities, coaches and any other associated costs. The programme will be run on a cost neutral basis.

When the school requires use of the sportshalls during the Sports Management Groups allocated times, this will be indicated a term in advance so the programme can be built around it.

There were 3 lets in the previous Primary Schools that have merged to create the 3 new PPP Primary Schools with sportshalls for community use. These have all been approached and in discussion suitable alternative venues in another school have been agreed.

- 4.2 It is further proposed that Friday nights in St Andrews and eventually Fintry Primary School sportshalls are utilised between 18.00 hrs and 21.00 hrs for public usage. This would require the provision of a Dundee City Council Facilities Assistant on site to manage the programme. Pricing would match that of Dundee Leisure to cover the associated costs and would start in January 2009.

For the Friday night in Craigowl Primary School it is proposed that the Pioneer Group, previously in Mcalpine Primary for more than 30 years are allocated the Sportshall. They are a voluntary youth group offering an activity based diversionary programmes to local young men each week. They are supported by the Leisure & Communities Department.

The proposal is for all bookings and payments etc to be handled by the Customer Service Team.

4.3 **Community Activities**

It is proposed that where one of the new PPP Primary schools has the provision of a Community Room it will be let to Community Groups after January 2009. These will be available between 18.00 hrs and 21.00 hrs each week night and the charges would be based on corporate letting rates and policies. As previously stated all bookings and payments etc. would be handled by the Customer Service Team.

- 4.4 It is intended that all school buildings will be closed for 2 weeks over the Christmas/New Year period. School buildings may also require to be closed for a minimum of 2 weeks each during the Summer Holiday period to allow any intrusive or major maintenance work to be carried out. The closures will be on a rolling basis and the actual closure dates for each school will be submitted by the PPP Contractor and be agreed with the Council which should ensure that only 1 of the 3 primaries with community use sports halls will not be available for any use at any one time.
- 4.5 It is further proposed that future PPP Secondary Schools sports provision are managed by Dundee Leisure. This will be the subject of separate reports.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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