

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2014

REPORT ON: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICES IN DUNDEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to provide funding and support to improve the quality of Out of School Care Services in Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note and approve the contents of this report and:

- i. approve the funding of grants to the twenty Out of School Care Clubs across Dundee which will be disseminated through Dundee Out of School Care Network.
- ii. approve the provision of funding to Dundee Out of School Care Network to support a Big Event for children attending the twenty Out of School Care Clubs in the summer of 2014.
- iii. approve the provision of funding to Dundee Out of School Care Network to access HR Professional support
- iv. approve the provision of funding to support Spectrum Out of School Care club which works with children on the autistic spectrum.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal is £23,000 in the current financial year 2013/14 which will be met from Education Department's revenue budget. A summary of the proposed expenditure is attached at Appendix 1.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Out of School Care Clubs provide a valuable service to families across Dundee, enabling parents and carers to work or engage in training while their children are looked after in a safe, caring, stimulating environment. All clubs are voluntary organisations run by parent management committees and they employ trained playworkers to look after the children before and after school and during school holidays and on in-service days. Clubs are non profit-making organisations and have to cover their staff wages, outings, visits, art materials and equipment expenses through parental fees. There are currently 20 Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee. All clubs are members of Dundee Out of School Care Network, a fully constituted and well established group.. Out of School Care Clubs have benefited from a range of input aimed at strengthening their sustainability, improving the quality of provision and supporting the management of Clubs, particularly those serving populations on low incomes.

4.2 Articulating with the principles of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) this proposal seeks to improve the quality of life and wellbeing for children attending Out of School Care Services in the 20 clubs in Dundee especially with regard to children being safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. This proposal seeks approval to award grants of up to £800 to each of the 20 Out of School Clubs across the City

to be disseminated by Dundee Out of School Care Network. This will provide much needed financial support to clubs and will enable them to purchase additional resources for use by children or invest in specific training for staff.

- 4.3 The Big Event is the result of partnership working between the Education Department and a number of organisations and departments including Dundee Out of School Care Network, Sports Development, and other Voluntary Sector organisations. The Big Event provides an opportunity for Clubs to come together and offers an exciting range of sports, games and crafts activities.
- 4.4 Following eight successful yearly events, attended each year by more than 350 children and 150 adults, there is considerable support for a similar event to be run in the summer of 2014. It is proposed therefore to provide funding of £3000 to support the 2014 event which is to be held at St. Andrew's RC PS. The funding supports the transport of children to the event, the funding of activity providers, along with the purchase of equipment and materials for the activities throughout the day.
- 4.5 Out of School Care clubs are small businesses with all the challenges that go along with running a small business. Clubs are managed by voluntary parent management committees who take on the responsibility of a wide range of employment, personnel, legal, financial and childcare issues which may arise on a day to day basis.
- 4.6 It is proposed that £1000 is provided to Dundee Out of School Care Network to enable clubs to access professional HR advice when needed.
- 4.7 Spectrum Out of School Care club provides a highly valued service offering care and activities after school and during holidays for children on the autistic spectrum. The club has a much higher staff:child ratio and their overheads are subsequently higher than all the other clubs across the city. Additionally the club is the only one which operates from a church hall and therefore has an added burden of rental costs.
- 4.8 It is proposed to provide Spectrum Out of School Care club with £3000 to bring them into line with the other clubs across the city.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

Appendix 1

Club Name	School Based in	Schools Served	Amount
Barnhill	Barnhill PS	Barnhill PS	£800
Boomerang	Claypotts PS	Claypotts PS, St. Pius PS	£800
Cherry Drop	Rowantree PS	Rowantree PS, St. Vincent's RC PS	£800
Clelington	Clelington PS	Clelington PS	£800
Craigiebarn Owls	Craigiebarns PS	Craigiebarn Owls PS	£800
Downfield	Downfield PS	Downfield PS	£800
Fintry	Fintry PS	Fintry PS	£800
Forthill	Forthill PS	Forthill PS	£800
Glebie	Glebelands PS	Glebelands PS	£800
Happy Hours	St. Fergus PS	St. Fergus RC PS, Ardler PS, St. Andrew's RC PS, Craigowl PS	£800
Hilltown	Rosebank PS	Rosebank PS, SS. Peter & Paul's PS, Our Lady's PS	£800
Kids Fun House	Longhaugh PS	Longhaugh PS, SS Luke's & St. Matthew's RC PS, Ballumbie PS	£800
Lochee St. Mary's	St. Mary's RC PS	St. Mary's RC PS, Ancrum Road PS	£800
Lochee St. Clement's	St. Clement's RC PS	St. Clement's RC PS, Camperdown PS	£800
Menziesshill	Menziesshill Neighbourhood Centre	Hillside PS, Gowriehill PS St. Ninian's RC PS	£800
Mill of Mains	Mill of Mains PS	Mill of Mains	£800
School's Out	Eastern PS	Eastern PS	£800
Spectrum	Mains Parish Church Hall	Kingspark PS Clubs across city	£800
Westend St. Joseph's	St. Joseph's RC PS	St. Joseph's RC PS, Victoria Park PS	£800
Westend Blackness	Blackness PS	Blackness PS	£800

Big Event	£3,000
HR Support	£1,000
Spectrum OSC (additional funding)	£3,000
Total	£23,000