

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -
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**REPORT ON: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY LEARNING
CENTRE BASED WITHIN DUNDEE FOOTBALL CLUB**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides Committee members with information about the proposed development of a Community Learning Centre through a partnership involving Dundee Football Club and Dundee City Council Education and Neighbourhood Resources and Development Departments.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Neighbourhood Resources and Development and Education Committee members are recommended to:

- 2.1 consider the content of this report.
- 2.2 approve the involvement of Council staff in the development of this initiative in line with details provided in this report.
- 2.3 instruct the Directors of Neighbourhood Resources and Development and Education to monitor progress of the development and operation of the Community Learning Centre.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Dundee Football Club will provide premises and support in the form of coaching. £20,000 SIPs funding will be available for 2003/2004 to provide ICT and furnishing for the Centre. Support will be provided by Dundee City Council Education Department in the form of a seconded teacher at a cost of £30,000 met from the National Priorities Action Fund (Inclusion heading). The Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department will develop an adult literacy service in conjunction with the Community Learning Strategic Partnership. The medium to long term aim is to achieve charitable recognition for "Dundee Football Club in the Community" to enable access to Lottery monies through the Community Fund. Other costs will be met initially within existing Departmental resources.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Learning Centre initiative has as a specific aim the improvement of the quality of personal and community life for socially excluded children and young people in the City.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Community Learning Centre initiative will provide socially inclusive opportunities for children and young people within the City. It will promote social inclusion by enabling children and young men and women to enjoy greater access to social learning and development opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Following research into the outcomes of the "Playing For Success" initiative, which the government set up in England in 1997, Dundee Football Club is proposing the

establishment of a Community Learning Centre within the facilities of their football ground.

- 6.2 Dundee City Council Education Department and Tayside Police have worked in partnership with Dundee Football Club to develop and run the Kick It Kick Off Project. This project, which was the first of its kind in Scotland, works across the City with disadvantaged young people involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in substance misuse and/or offending behaviour. It delivers personal and social development programmes which incorporate football skills development and educational group work. The project has assisted and supported the establishment of five other projects in Glasgow, Fife and Liverpool.
- 6.3 Dundee FC are also working in City schools and communities to promote "Learning Through Football" programmes. The development of a Community Learning Centre is seen as a natural extension to their ongoing work and would provide a location and focus for such projects and activities.

7.0 MAIN TEXT

- 7.1 Participants of the Community Learning Centre initiative will be children and young people aged 10-18 years experiencing social, emotional or behavioural problems and who may be at risk of involvement in drug misuse/offending behaviour.
- 7.2 The aims of the Community Learning Centre include:
- To improve the quality of personal and community life for socially excluded children and young people.
 - To promote social inclusion by enabling children and young people to enjoy greater access to social learning and development opportunities.
 - To develop children's and young people's confidence, self esteem and their capacity to engage in independent learning.
 - To use the power of football culture to raise children's and young people's motivation, aspirations and levels of achievement.
 - To enable progression through continued access to lifelong learning.
- 7.3 It is proposed that a pilot project be initially run with programmes for children and young people who meet the selection criteria. Programmes will be provided outwith school hours and will use a variety of approaches such as group work, mentoring, peer tutoring, counselling and 1 to 1 support.
- 7.4 A management group will be formed to provide strategic direction and to oversee the monitoring and evaluation of the initiative. The management group will be comprised of representatives from Dundee City Council, Dundee Football Club, and other partner agencies.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Directors of Corporate Planning, Finance, and Leisure and Arts.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 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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