

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE- 20 JANUARY 2003**  
**REPORT ON: GRANT AID TO PARENT AND TODDLER GROUPS**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**  
**REPORT NO: 63-2003**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report seeks approval to award grants to local Parent and Toddler groups.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Education Committee note the contents of this report and approve the proposed award of grants to Parent and Toddler Groups as outlined in Appendix 1.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The full cost of this proposal is £2,050 which will be met from Scottish Executive funding made available to the local authority for Childcare New Projects.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

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**

This proposal will enhance choice and diversity in early years provision improving equality of access and further strengthening partnership across sectors.

**6.0 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

6.1 Parent and Toddler Groups offer parents and their 0–3 year old children an opportunity to play, learn and make new friends in their local area. Groups meet for sessions during the week depending on local circumstances. Parent and Toddler Groups are run by local parents and carers who form committees to plan and organise the programme.

6.2 Parents pay an annual membership fee as well as sessional fees. They also organise fund raising events to maintain their activities and pay rents.

**7.0 PROPOSAL**

- 7.1 The award of grants will enable Parent and Toddler Groups to provide additional resources and play equipment to further promote the learning and development of children aged 0 – 3.
- 7.2 Applications for grants were made in consultation with the Scottish Pre-school Play Association Co-ordinator who supports the Parent and Toddler Committees. The Coordinator visits the groups on a regular basis and promotes the development of quality and inclusive provision.
- 7.3 In addition the Coordinator attends meetings of the Dundee Early Years and Childcare Partnership and collaborates with members of the Early Years and Childcare Team in supporting and monitoring the progression of targets within the Dundee Early Years and Childcare plan in respect of Playgroups and Toddler Groups.

## **8.0 CONSULATION**

This report has been the subject of consultation with the Directors of Social Work, Finance and Support Services

## **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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6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2003

## APPENDIX 1

<b>SPPA GROUPS</b>	<b>MATERIALS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Balgillo Tots	Floor Mats / Baby Nets (2)	£200.00
Broty Baptist Church	Small Climbing Frame / 1Baby Mat	£ 70.00
Craigiebank	Floor Mats	£ 80.00
Douglas Church	Radiator Cover / Paint/Storage Equipment	£150.00
Dundee Women & Children's	Kitchen Equipment / Floor Surface Renovation	£250.00
East Church	Floor Mats	£200.00
Fintry	Safety Gate / Tractor / Shape Sorter / Bead Frame	£ 70.00
Grove	Soft Bricks / Baby Mat / Trampoline	£ 70.00
PATS, Grey Lodge	Books / Storage Boxes	£ 50.00
Playworld	Books / Kitchen Set / Dressing Up Clothes / Dolls Clothes	£250.00
St. Aidans	Playmats	£ 60.00
St. James	Musical Instruments / Tape Cassette / Tapes/ Bean Bags / Baby Nets x 2	£250.00
Stobswell	Sand Tray / Tyke Bike / Soft Toys / Books / Baby Play Mat	£200.00
Strathmartine Under 5's	Books / Soft Play Equipment	£ 50.00
Toddle Tots, Kirkton	Trampoline / Creche Sessions	£ 50.00
The Toddlers, Whitfield	Books and soft play equipment	£50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,050.00</b>