

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT – PLAYING FIELD PROVISION  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW DENOMINATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 726-2003**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose an interim and permanent arrangement for playing fields as part of the proposal to construct a new denominational secondary school on the Kirkton Park site.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee authorises the Director of Education to temporarily replace the 5 community use grass pitches at Kirkton Park by utilising the 3 grass pitches at Balfield presently covering the short-term loss of pitches at Ardler, and by the formation of 2 additional grass pitches at the St Saviour's site for community use. The construction of these 2 pitches should proceed early in 2004, to ensure that they are available for use when Kirkton Park is required for construction purposes.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The estimated cost of upgrading two pitches at St Saviours in the interim would be £60,000 including fees and contingencies (see Appendix 1). The estimated cost of constructing four pitches on the site of Kingspark School, post demolition and re-instatement of ground, would be £399,000 including fees and contingencies (see Appendix 2). The costs at St Saviours will require to be included in the Education Department's Capital Budget for 2004/05. The costs at Kingspark will require to be included in future Education Department's Capital Budget.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 At its meeting of 20 January 2003, the Committee remitted the Director of Education to carry out the statutory consultation procedures in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981 in respect of the proposal to merge Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School in a new build denominational secondary school on a site at Kirkton Park (Report No 68-2003 refers).
- 6.2 Subsequently, at its meeting of 30 June 2003, the Committee approved the project proposal to merge Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School in a new build Secondary School on the Kirkton Park site (Report No 449-2003 refers).

## **7.0 CURRENT SITUATION**

- 7.1 The Council has 5 grass pitches for community use at Kirkton Park.
- 7.2 Lawside RC Academy has 1 grass pitch and a training area adjoining Downfield Park. St Saviour's RC High School has 2 grass football pitches, 2 grass hockey pitches and a rugby pitch.
- 7.3 The Council would have a temporary loss of 5 grass pitches for community use, arising from the proposed construction of a new RC Secondary school on the Kirkton Park site.
- 7.4 The Council requires to put in place interim and permanent arrangements, to ensure the continued provision of 5 pitches for community use, and the necessary pitches to meet the curriculum needs of the new denominational secondary school.

## **8.0 PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLAYING FIELD PROVISION**

- 8.1 The construction of a synthetic turf pitch and a grass pitch within the new denominational secondary school boundary will be undertaken within the PPP project.
- 8.2 On completion of a replacement school for Kingspark School on an alternative site, the existing school would be demolished and 4 grass pitches constructed as part of the overall project cost for the replacement of Kingspark.
- 8.3 In the long term, the actions described at 8.2 compensate for the loss of 5 community grass pitches at Kirkton Park, with 3 grass pitches at Balfield and 2 grass pitches at the Kingspark site and therefore meets in full the requirement to replace the community pitches.
- 8.4 when the schools merge, the present Lawside RC Academy school grass pitch will be opened up to the adjacent Downfield Park, increasing the community provision.

## **9.0 CONSULTATION**

- 9.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Director of Leisure and Arts and the Director of Planning and Transportation have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 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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## APPENDIX 1

### St Saviours

	£
Upgrade soccer pitch	15,000
Change Blaes pitch to grass pitch	31,500
Contingencies/Preliminaries	7,000
Professional Fees	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>60,000</u>

## APPENDIX 2

### Kingspark

	£
Prepare and form four grass pitches	200,000
Ground Water Attenuation	55,000
Fencing to South and West Boundaries	13,000
Road and Car Parking (20 Cars)	37,500
Contingencies/Preliminaries	48,500
Professional Fees	<u>45,000</u>
	<u>399,000</u>