

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE –
21 OCTOBER 2002**

**REPORT ON: THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1963
THE CHILDREN (PERFORMANCES) REGULATIONS 1968**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 745-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee of the “Treading The Boards” Youth Music Theatre for the purposes of Section 37 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the “Treading The Boards” Youth Music Theatre for the purposes of Section 37 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications for the Authority.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Equal Opportunities implications.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Children generally require licences from the City Council before taking part in performances in Dundee.

In terms of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963, a licence is not however required if the performance is given under arrangements made by a body of persons approved by the local authority in whose area the performance takes place. The Dundee Gang Show and Dorwin Stage School have already been approved for these purposes.

6.2 The Council has received a request for approval from “Treading The Boards” Youth Music Theatre. This group is the former junior section of the well established amateur musical theatre organisation called the Thomson-Leng Musical Society. Its Committee includes parents who have been police checked, and who have obtained parental consent and medical forms for each child member.

In the circumstances it is felt appropriate to approve “Treading The Boards” Youth Music Theatre in terms of the criteria laid out at paragraph 6.1 and consequently no licences will be required for children to take part in their performances in Dundee.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Director of Support Services and the Director of Finance were consulted in the preparation of this Report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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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