

## **6 COMMUNITY USE OF GROVE ACADEMY AND ST PAUL'S ACADEMY (AN10-2010)**

A series of meetings have been held with representatives of the Board of Dundee Leisure and the departments of Education and Leisure and Communities of Dundee City Council. Agreement has been reached under which Dundee Leisure will programme community use of the new leisure facilities at Grove Academy. By the nature of the design of the new Grove the school do not envisage any conflict of usage or requirements for breaks in the programme of usage proposed by Dundee Leisure. By mutual agreement the proposed start date for use of the facilities will be April 2010 including the swimming pool and dry facilities with the exception of the dance studios which Dundee Leisure will take possession of from January 2010 to allow a block booking from BERA. The facilities include the pool, fitness suite, large sports hall and the two lesser sports halls or dance studios. An Operational Protocol has been agreed in principle between the Education Department and Dundee Leisure. There are ongoing discussions between Dundee Leisure and the Education Department and also Robertsons FM in relation to the specific arrangements for the operation of the facility.

The Committee is asked to approve the outcome of these negotiations which should result in a significant enhancement in the access for Dundee citizens particularly in the Broughty Ferry area of the City to high quality leisure fitness and sports facilities.

In terms of the existing arrangements within St Paul's (Report No 602-2008 and Agenda Note AN50-2009) these were reviewed after the initial six months and were found to be operating satisfactorily.