

6 SERVICE TRANSFERS - ACTIVE SCHOOLS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING (AN3-2016)

It is proposed that, subject to the agreement of the Leisure & Culture Dundee Board, the Outdoor Learning Service and Active Schools Programme transfer to the SCIO with effect from 1st April, 2016 and that, in the period January to March, 2016, arrangements be put in place for the transfer of staff and for the development of a services agreement between the City Council and Leisure & Culture Dundee.

Outdoor Learning Service

Dundee City Council's Outdoor Learning Service has in recent years moved from strength to strength. Part of the core provision is delivering positive outdoor learning experiences through safe and challenging adventure activities to targeted young people in Secondary schools and off-site units. This is delivered and is governed through a well established Service Level Agreement. Core provision within schools is critical to the current achievement of educational outcomes regardless of future placing of the service.

A move to Leisure & Culture Dundee SCIO would provide opportunities to develop the service across the City. It will allow the service to be more closely aligned to other leisure services to meet local and national outcomes and provide a more joined up approach between sport and outdoor learning. Core provision to schools and adventure safety adviser duties will remain a priority for the service. There will be a saving in non-domestic rates for the property out of which the Outdoor Learning Services are delivered.

Active Schools Programme

Active Schools are funded to promote sport and physical activity for school age pupils and to strengthen the pathway from school focused activity, strengthening in particular links between sports clubs and other out of school sports activities. The Active Schools Programme is funded 70% by **sportscotland** with the 30% balance funded from the City Council's budget. The current funding agreement runs until March, 2019.

To maximise integration with sports clubs, sports hubs and programmes run by Leisure & Culture Dundee, it is proposed to integrate these programmes under the one management structure. This follows on from an earlier decision in relation to the future management of out of school sports and leisure facilities. It should provide greater efficiency and integration with the current programmes delivered by Active Schools in Dundee.

Approval to proceed with staff consultation and implementation is requested.