

1 COMMUNITY USE OF ST PAUL'S ACADEMY (AN50-2009)

Reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 24th November 2008.

This note provides the Committee with an update on the outcome of negotiations between Dundee City Council and Dundee Leisure in relation to the community use of St Paul's Academy.

In response to Committee Report No 206-2008, a series of meetings has been held between representatives of the Board of Dundee Leisure and 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 St Paul's Academy; this will recognise the need for access to the sports facilities by the school up to six occasions during the year.

By mutual agreement the proposed start date for the use of the swimming pool will be March 2009; the dry facilities will be June 2009. The opening times for sports halls will be brought forward to 6.00 pm, which will match the start times for use of the swimming facilities.

This will include the pool, gym, sports halls, dance studio and fitness room. Operational protocols will be agreed between the Education Department and Dundee Leisure.

There are ongoing discussions between Dundee Leisure and the Education Department and Robertsons FM in relation to the specific arrangements for the operation of the facility.

The Committee is asked to note the positive outcome of these negotiations which should result in a significant enhancement in the access for Dundee citizens, particularly in the north of the city, to high quality leisure, fitness and sports facilities. As previously agreed, the Director of Leisure and Communities will bring an update on progress to Committee in December 2009.