

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 19 March 2007

REPORT ON: Dundee Ice Arena – Revenue Support 2007/08

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 179-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of revenue funding to Dundee Ice Arena for the year 2007/2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the level of revenue funding of £100,000 in 2007/08 as set out in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The funding recommended is £100,000 and this will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2007/08 Revenue Budget.
- 3.2 The terms and conditions of this funding will be as contained in the Management Agreement between Dundee City Council and Dundee Ice Arena which was entered into in November, 2000.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Sustainability

The renewal of revenue funding for Dundee Ice Arena will ensure the continued provision of a popular leisure attraction, that local needs are met locally, and that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

- 4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required

- 4.3 Anti-Poverty

Dundee Ice Arena provides employment and develop employment prospects as well as providing a policy which allows concession rates for access.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Dundee Ice Arena's principal activity is the provision of ice sport facilities and to make them accessible to the general public. The arena has full disabled public access and is particularly geared towards children and family groups.
- 5.2 The Funding Agreement contains requirements that Dundee Ice Arena practise equal

opportunities policies in respect of its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Dundee Ice Arena provides ice time for all major ice sports including ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating and curling. It also provides regular facilities for public skating.
- 6.2 Dundee City Council entered into a Management Agreement with Dundee Ice Arena in November 2000, which provided for an annual payment by the Council to Dundee Ice Arena on fulfilling various services. The agreement provided that for each year following up to 2010, payment would be determined by agreement between the parties at the beginning of each year.
- 6.3 During the last 12 months over 300,000 people have visited the Arena. The Arena is one of Dundee's premier leisure attractions, with only the Olympia Leisure Centre receiving more paid visits. The organisation sustains 32 full-time job equivalents in the local community.
- 6.4 During 2006/2007 the Ice Arena hosted SNL Ice Hockey and a range of curling competitions. Extensive programmes of junior development were delivered for hockey, figure skating, speed skating and curling. The facility's versatility and convenient location is demonstrated by the increasing business for its function suites and catering.
- 6.5 This year the Ice Arena will be hosting the Scottish Recreational Ice Hockey Championships and, for the first time in Scotland, the British Forces Ice Hockey Championship. In addition the Arena will be the venue for the Dundee Spring Garden Show in 2007.

A programme of figure skating and ice hockey schools will be held during the school holidays which will involve international coaches from Canada, USA and Russia.

One of our resident coaches will be acting as a technical adviser for the World Figure Skating Championships.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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Appendix 1

DUNDEE ICE ARENA YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2008

	PROJECTION 2006/07	BUDGET 2007/08
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£
Staff Costs	249,506	277,114
Property Costs	293,863	311,000
Supplies & Services	<u>236,374</u>	<u>246,316</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>779,743</u>	<u>834,430</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Playing Income	580,372	642,987
Rental Income	42,205	52,593
Events Income	23,983	15,000
Development Income	38,851	30,000
Operations Income	1,000	2,000
Other Income	3,272	1,850
Approved Grant from Dundee City Council	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Income	<u>789,683</u>	<u>844,430</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>9,940</u>	<u>10,000</u>