

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**REPORT ON: Dundee Leisure – Revenue Support 2007/08**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities**

**REPORT NO: 196-2007**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of revenue funding of £180,000 in 2007/08 as set out in the report.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The funding recommended is £180,000 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 Leisure which was entered into in June 2006.

### **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Sustainability

The renewal of revenue funding for Dundee Leisure will ensure the continued provision of popular leisure attractions, 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 Leisure provides employment and develops employment prospects as well as providing a policy which allows concession rates for access.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Dundee Leisure's principal activity is the provision of wet and dry sport facilities, promoting exercise and health and to make them accessible to the general public. The facilities have full disabled public access and are particularly geared towards a wide spectrum of users including sports persons at high level to children, family groups and individuals using the facilities primarily for leisure use.

- 5.2 The Funding Agreement contains requirements that Dundee Leisure practise equal opportunities policies in respect of its public and staff.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 Dundee Leisure provides facilities for all major sports including aquatic activities, traditional sport-hall activities, health and fitness suites, dance etc.
- 6.2 Dundee City Council entered into a Management Agreement with Dundee Leisure in June 2006, which provided for an annual payment by the Council to Dundee Leisure on fulfilling various services. The agreement provided that for each year following up to 2011, payment would be determined by agreement between the parties at the beginning of each year.
- 6.3 Dundee Leisure manages the key leisure Centres in Dundee including Olympia, DISC, Lynch, Douglas and Lochee.

In addition to general facility use a number of additional services are delivered and made available to the public including swimming lessons, fitness coaching and remedial health sessions.

- 6.4 Since Dundee Leisure was created on 1 April 2006 over 481,375 visitors have attended the facilities up to end of February. This compares with 479,650 for the same period for 2005/06  
Olympia, in particular, has performed well with 324,724 to date compared with 301,609 for 2005/06.
- 6.5 LeisureActive Membership was down in comparison to 2005/06. However having received support to appoint a Performance Support Officer the figures have recovered.
- 6.6 The projected outturn for 2006/07 identifies a deficit of approximately £48,000. Dundee Leisure have worked with the budgets transferred from Dundee City Council and have contained expenditure but income particularly from the LeisureActive has not been realised. However there is a reported recovery in the area of the business and budgets have been realigned to take into account the deficit from 2006/07.

## **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 LEISURE Year to 31 March 2008

	<u>Projection</u> <u>2006/07</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2007/08</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Staff Costs	2,339,998	2,409,711
Property Costs	30,872	31,944
Supplies & Services	189,397	278,640
Transport Costs	11,180	11,038
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,571,447</b>	<b>2,731,333</b>
<u>Income</u>		
Playing Income	2,150,096	2,305,244
Rental Income	158,627	162,750
Health Support Income	60,750	68,040
Other	84,138	63,300
Management Fee from Dundee City Council	70,000	180,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,523,611</b>	<b>2,779,334</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(47,836)</b>	<b>48,001</b>