

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 14 April 2008

REPORT ON: Dundee Ice Arena - Revenue Support 2008-2009

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 225-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of Revenue Grant Funding to Dundee Ice Arena for the year 2008-2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of Revenue Grant funding amounting to £100,000 as set out in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding recommended is £100,000 which sum is provided for in the Leisure and Communities Department's Revenue Budget 2008-2009, as shown in the budget at Appendix 1.

3.2 The terms and conditions of these payments will be contained within a Management Agreement 2008-2009 between Dundee City Council and Dundee Ice Arena.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 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.

4.2 Review of 2007-2008

During 2007/2008 the Ice Arena continued to host Scottish Premier and National League ice hockey and a full range of curling competitions. Extensive junior development programmes were delivered for hockey, curling, figure skating and speed skating. An adult "Learn to Skate" programme has been introduced during the Winter and will continue over the Summer period. The facility's versatility, convenient location and unrestricted parking is demonstrated by the increasing business for its function suites and conference rooms.

They also successfully hosted the British Short Track Speed Skating Championships which was the first time this event had been held in Scotland.

4.3 Major Plans for 2008-2009

In 2008/2009 the Arena will be hosting several major events including the Scottish Recreational Ice Hockey Championships, Royal Air Force championships, Northern League Finals, Scottish Cup Finals. In addition the Arena will be the venue for the Dundee Spring Garden Show.

A programme of figure skating and ice hockey schools will once again be held during the school holidays which will involve international coaches from Canada, USA and Russia. There are now several junior competitors who have come through the development ranks in their respective sports since the arena opened, attaining national and international recognition.

Once again one of their resident coaches will be acting as a technical adviser for the World Figure Skating Championships.

- 4.4 Dundee Ice Arena sustained 17 full time equivalent jobs in Dundee during 2007-2008 and they are projected to achieve 88% of their income from non public services in 2008-2009.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Dundee Ice Arena**Appendix 1**

	Estimated Outturn 2007-2008 £	Draft Budget 2008-2009 £
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs	278,000	270,000
Property Costs	330,000	359,000
Supplies and Services	259,000	243,000
Total Expenditure	867,000	872,000
<u>Income</u>		
Playing Income	638,000	652,000
Rental Income	49,000	54,000
Events Income	24,000	15,000
Development Income	43,000	44,000
Operations Income	0	5,000
Other Income	4,000	2,000
Sub Total	758,000	772,000
<u>Grants</u>		
DCC	100,000	100,000
Sub Total	100,000	100,000
Total Income	858,000	872,000
Surplus /(Deficit)	(9,000)	0
Surplus brought forward	89,000	80,000
Surplus carried forward	80,000	80,000