

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 15 May 2006

REPORT ON: Dundee Ice Arena – Revenue Support 2006/07

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 297-2006

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 2006/2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of revenue funding of £100,000 in 2006/07 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 2006/07 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 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 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.

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 2005/2006 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. Dundee Texol Stars Ice Hockey Team were runners-up in both the Scottish National and North British Leagues. 20% of the top British figure skaters are coached at Dundee Ice Arena.
- 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.

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 2007**

	PROJECTION 2005/06	BUDGET 2006/07
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£
Staff Costs	238,249	240,347
Property Costs	278,216	276,000
Supplies & Services	<u>223,640</u>	<u>219,556</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>740,105</u>	<u>735,903</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Playing Income	553,205	578,773
Rental Income	24,728	18,486
Events Income	15,480	15,000
Development Income	24,652	18,794
Operations Income	13,000	13,000
Other Income	3,910	1,850
Approved Grant from Dundee City Council	<u>115,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Income	<u>749,975</u>	<u>745,903</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>9,870</u>	<u>10,000</u>