

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 18 JUNE 2001
REPORT ON: PRIMARY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATORS
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REPORT NO: 405-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report brings to the attention of the Education Committee a proposal to appoint three Primary Sports Development Co-ordinators as part of **sportscotland's** Active Primary School Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Education Committee is recommended to:

- i) agree to the proposal to undertake a pilot of the Active Primary School Programme;
 - ii) approve the appointment of three Primary Sports Development Co-ordinators
- and
- iii) instruct the Director of Education to report progress of the pilot programme at an appropriate date.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of the pilot programme will be fully funded by grant from **sportscotland**.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Active Primary School Programme is designed to ensure that all pupils in participating schools benefit from additional support and access to safe and fun physical activity.

6.0 REPORT

6.1 In collaboration with **sportscotland** Dundee City Council has played a lead

role in the development of the School Sports Development Co-ordinator Programme. This has been targeted on Secondary Schools and designed to support and augment the curriculum provision of sport through Physical Education. The Sports Co-ordinators in each Secondary School now play a key role in developing additional recreational sport provision for young people in school and in the local community.

6.2 The success of the Secondary School programme has encouraged **sportscotland** to extend the programme to Primary Schools. As a result of its previous success Dundee City Council Education Department has been approached to undertake a pilot of the Active Primary School Programme.

6.3 The Active Primary School Programme will be piloted in three clusters of schools. Each cluster will have a full time Sports Development Co-ordinator who will work with schools and school staff to develop and extend the opportunities for safe and fun physical activities for young people. This will involve developing and supporting sports activities clubs in schools and in the community.

6.4 The Primary School Sports Co-ordinators will join the network of Dundee Sports Co-ordinators and will be co-ordinated and supported by the Sports Development Officer.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The pilot programme for Primary Sports Development Co-ordinators builds on highly successful and effective work in Dundee to develop and extend the participation of young people in sports activities. The programme links well to development plans in the Education Department designed to promote a healthy lifestyle and to the City Sports Strategy.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 The Director of Finance, the Director of Support Services and the Director of Leisure Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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