

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 18th JUNE 2001

REPORT ON: SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAY AND CARE FOR CHILDREN IN DOUGLAS IN JULY 2001

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 409- 2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to provide funding to Douglas Neighbourhood & Library Centre to provide summer holiday care for children in Douglas.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note the contents of this Report and approves the award of £3250 to Douglas Neighbourhood & Library Centre.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal, £3250, will be met from the funding for New Childcare Projects made available to the Education Department by the Scottish Executive. A detailed financial outline is appended to this report.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The grant awarded will improve access to skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This proposal will enhance choice and diversity in out of school care provision, improving equality of access and further strengthening Partnership across sectors.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Scottish Executive has provided grant to individual authorities for new childcare projects to support the provision of out of school care and family support services.

7.0 CURRENT SITUATION

7.1 The Douglas area has three Primary Schools and one Out of School Care Club which operates from Douglas Neighbourhood Centre. The playscheme proposed in this Report has been developed in collaboration with the existing Club and there will be an opportunity for the Douglas Out of School Care Club to access the activities planned in this proposal. The summer playscheme will provide care and activity for a group of children who would not otherwise be able to access Out of School Holiday Care. A key barrier to accessing Out of School Care can often be cost related. The playscheme will therefore be offered at a nominal charge of £1.00 per child per session. Some places will also be reserved for children referred by Social Work.

8.0 PROPOSAL

8.1 There is an identified need to support children in need within the Douglas area especially during holidays. The summer playscheme will provide children and parents in the area with accessible, affordable, high quality summer activities in a secure, stimulating and fun environment.

8.2 It is proposed that the playscheme will run for 2 ½ hours each day for 2 weeks in July and will be staffed by trained sessional workers who are SCRO checked. The playscheme will cater for up to 30 children aged 5 to 11 years and 2 places will be reserved for Social Work Department referrals. There will be a Carnival theme offering a variety of interesting workshops for the children to opt in to including circus skills, juggling and magic tricks. These workshops will also be accessible to children using Douglas Out of School Care Club. The proposal also includes the purchase of equipment to develop circus skills which will then be made available on loan to all Out of School Clubs in Dundee. At the end of the two weeks the children will put on a performance for the local neighbourhood.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 This Report has been the subject of consultation with the Directors of Neighbourhood Resources and Development, Social Work, Personnel and Management Services, Finance and Support Services.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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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Director of Education

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Date

APPENDIX 1**PROVISION OF SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme IN DOUGLAS**

Staffing: 4 Playworkers at 30 hours	1200.00
Creche Provision	360.00
Volunteer Expenses	80.00
Specialist Workshops: 10 @ £60	600.00
Resources/Transport	150.00
Arts & Craft Materials	200.00
Books & Worksheets	150.00
Publicity & Printing	60.00
Circus Play Equipment Materials (for up to 30 children):	950.00
	<u>£3750.00</u>
Less Fundraising	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u>£3250.00</u>