

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 19 JUNE 2000**

**REPORT ON: REPORT ON APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR INSTRUCTOR (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC)**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 416-2000**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** This Report brings to the attention of the Education Committee a proposal to appoint a Senior Instructor for Instrumental Music Instruction.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1** The Education Committee is recommended to approve the appointment of a Senior Instructor from within the existing complement of Instrumental Music Instructors.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**3.1** The additional cost of the appointment of a Senior Instructor will be £2000 per annum. This can be met from within the current Education Revenue Budget (Teaching Staff).

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** Nil

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** Nil

**6.0 BACKGROUND**

**6.1** Dundee City Council has a high reputation for the provision of Instrumental Music Instruction. At present, there are some 25 Instructors (23 FTE) who deliver music instruction in schools. In addition, they provide support to the music curriculum in schools. A significant part of their role is also to work with bands and orchestras at school and city levels.

There is an increasing need to address the issue of Instructors whose long service, experience and expertise provide a valuable source of support to other staff.

There is provision for the post of Senior Instructor contained within the SJNC Circular for Teaching Staff (April 1988).

## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS**

**7.1** In addition to teaching duties as an Instrumental Instructor a Senior Instructor would have a number of additional tasks including guidance to new members of staff, support for curriculum development and the provision of professional advice and support to colleagues.

**7.2** He/she would also undergo training and assume the role of Child Protection Officer for the Instrumental Music Service. This is considered a key role in a service dealing with large numbers of young people often outwith school hours.

**7.3** The appointment of a Senior Instructor would provide a valuable additional support to the Instrumental Music Service in Dundee whose efforts and accomplishments are highly regarded at local and national level and are much valued by staff, pupils and parents.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

**8.1** The Director of Finance, the Director of Support Services and representatives of Teaching Unions have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**9.1** 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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