

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 14 February 2011

REPORT ON: Extension to Service Level Agreements with Dundee College, Craigowl Communities - 2011

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 46-2011

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval to extend the current Service Level Agreements with Dundee College and Craigowl Communities until 30 June 2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the extension of the current Service Level Agreements for a three month period in order to allow consultation on a review of the Adult Literacy Strategy which will take place between February and April 2011.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This expenditure of £15,250 can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2011-2012 Revenue Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 On 22 December 2010 the Scottish Government produced Strategic Guidance for Adult Literacies in Scotland through to 2020. This guidance forms part of the Scottish Government's Literacy Action Plan which provides the vision for raising literacy standards from the early years through to adulthood. The Adult Literacy Strategic Guidance has as its vision:

"By 2020 Scotland's society and economy will be stronger because more of its adults will be able to read, write and use numbers effectively in order to handle information, communicate with others, express ideas and opinions, make decisions and solve problems, as family members, workers, citizens and lifelong learners".

- 4.2 Dundee's Adult Literacy Strategy was written in line with the previous strategic guidance and is currently being reviewed to ensure that it is in line with the new Strategic Guidance being produced by Scottish Government. The guidance from Scottish Government was not released until 20 December and a draft Adult Dundee Literacy Strategic Plan has been drawn up and it is intended to take this out to consultation with partners between February and April 2011. Once this has been approved it will be clear what priority areas should be put out for delivery as part of the Service Level Agreements. Therefore, in order to maintain service delivery it is proposed to extend the current Service Level Agreements until 30 June 2011.
- 4.3 The current Service Level Agreements with Dundee College and Craigowl Communities, as approved by Committee Report No 123-208, is due to expire on 31 March 2011. They are currently on schedule to meet their 2010-2011 targets, therefore, extending the current SLA will not have any detrimental effect.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic environmental assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.
- 5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equipact/>

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Equality Impact Assessment.

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