

REPORT TO: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2001

REPORT ON: UNIVERSITY OF ABERTAY, DUNDEE – LEISURE ACCESS CARD

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND PARKS

REPORT NO: 508-2001

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 To seek approval of the Committee for the renewal of the Access agreement with the University of Abertay, which will encourage students attending course at the University to have use of specific City Council leisure facilities as detailed in 6.3 below.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the scheme based on access to the services outlined in 6.3 below and the Council receiving £50,000 for the first year. The sum will be increased in line with inflation in subsequent years

2.2 It is recommended that the appropriate Officers are remitted to enter into a Service Level Agreement based on the broad principle outlined in this report.

3. **Financial Implications**

3.1 The scheme is based on the payment of £50,000 per annum with year 2 and 3 subject to inflation. This income is included in the current Leisure & Parks Department Revenue Budget.

4. **Local Agenda 21 Implications**

None

5. **Equal Opportunities**

None

6. **Main Text**

6.1 Reference is made to item vii of the Leisure Services Committee of 19 August 1996 when an initial pilot access scheme between Abertay University and the City Council was agreed. The scheme is due for renewal in 2001/02. The agreement and partnership has been successful for both the University and the Council by making the University more attractive to students, leaving a positive impression in respect of the city leisure infrastructure and providing added business to the department.

6.2 The principles of the access scheme include free access to a limited number of facilities and reduced entries to a number of other facilities such as the aquasana and health suite at the Olympia, for Abertay University students who are members of a University Sports and Recreation Club. In return, the Council will receive £50,000 per annum for the 3 years of the agreement.

This figure in year 2 and 3 will be subject to inflationary increase in years 2 and 3.

The access by the students will be monitored and controlled at the point of entry through the Department's Leisure Management system.

6.3 The proposed facilities available include the following:-

Olympia Leisure Pool, Training Pool, Fitness Suite, Climbing Wall

It is proposed that the Aqua Sana and Health Suite is available at a concession rate.

Lynch and Douglas – Fitness Suite, Main Sports Hall.

Lochee – Pool and Fitness Suite

D.I.S.C. - Fitness Suite, Main Halls, Dance Studio, Gymnasium

Camperdown Golf Course – It is proposed that single rounds will be available at concession rates.

A limited number of coaching classes and other minor services based at Clatto would be available at concession charges.

All facilities are offered subject to availability.

6.4 It is recommended that the Committee approves these proposals for the duration of a 3 year period from 1 September 2001 until 30 August 2004 and that appropriate Officers are remitted to enter into a more detailed Service Level Agreement based on the broad principles above.

7. **Consultation**

The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning and Abertay University have been consulted in respect of this report.

8. **Background Papers**

Report No. 237/1996 – Leisure Services Committee – 19 August 1996
University of Abertay, Dundee – Leisure Access Card

9. **Signed**

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Director of Leisure & Parks

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