

**REPORT TO:** Leisure Services Committee of 21 August 2000  
**REPORT ON:** Dundee Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy  
**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Parks  
**REPORT NO:** 514-2000

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 To obtain Committee approval for Dundee's Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve Dundee's Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy as a policy framework to guide the planning, management, improvement, and development of sport in Dundee over the next 6 years.

3. **Financial Implications**

3.1 The cost of implementing the Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy in the current financial year can be met from the Leisure & Parks 2000/01 Revenue budget. The cost of implementation in future years will require re-allocation of budgets but will be contained within existing limits.

It is anticipated that Dundee's Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy will increase the potential for accessing external funding, and any future Capital allocations will be utilised as match funding to maximise the amount of grant funding obtained.

3.3 The Committee is asked to note that **Sportscotland** has contributed £19,500 in support of the strategy.

4. **Local Agenda 21**

4.1 **Implications**

The Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy has been developed around the principles of Local Agenda 21 and seeks towards a sustainable future for Dundee by the simulation of sport with the Economic and Health Initiatives in Dundee.

4.2 The Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy contributes to many of the key themes of Dundee 21: Planning for Sustainability.

5. **Equal Opportunities**

5.1 The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy has been fully accounted for in the Strategy's development. Action for improving access for people with disabilities and on providing barrier-free sports and recreation for people of all ages and ability is specified throughout the Strategy and specifically in the Action Plan.

6. **Main Text**

6.1 Reference is made to the attached Dundee's Sport & Physical Recreation Strategy.

6.2 Reference is made to Agenda Item V of the Leisure Services Committee of 17 February 1997 when it was agreed to formulate a Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy for the city. Also reference is made to Agenda Item VI of the Leisure Services Committee of 16 February 1998 when the Committee approved the grant aiding of the sum of £10,000 to the City of Dundee Sports Council for the employment of a temporary Research Assistant.

6.3 Extensive public consultation has been undertaken on the Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy for Dundee, including a survey of 400 residents of Dundee in 1998, consultation with each of the Neighbourhood

Forums in the city, and a questionnaire to all Sports Clubs in Dundee from which a 56% return was achieved. Also, all the private leisure facilities in Dundee were contacted requesting information about the facilities, membership schemes, numbers, and types of physical activity classes. Each of the primary schools in Dundee were sent a questionnaire of which 69% replied, and the Principal Teachers of Physical Education or the school Sports Co-ordinators in each of the Secondary Schools in Dundee were interviewed. Dundee City Sport Council's Executive Committee, affiliated clubs, associations, and individuals, and the Tayside Sports Development Group IMPACT (Improving Performance in Coaching in Tayside) Co-ordinators were invited to attend a meeting in January 1999 to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of Sports and Physical Recreation in Dundee. Five key topic sub-groups were formed to discuss specific areas of interest in the Strategy and Action Plan, and each of the uniformed organisations in Dundee were sent a questionnaire with a 75% response. Once the initial draft was drawn up, every individual group, organisation, etc, that had previously been consulted were sent a copy of the draft and asked for their comments on the document in September 1999.

- 6.4 All this consultation process has resulted in a strategy that is realistic in regards to its proposed actions to fulfil the needs of Sports & Physical Recreation in Dundee over the next 6 years.
- 6.5 The final document Dundee's Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy seeks to provide a longterm strategic framework for Sports and Physical Recreation in Dundee. The vision is that Dundee City Council, in conjunction with public, private and voluntary sector, will seek to provide *"for all citizens the opportunity of access to sport and to promote a culture of lifelong involvement in both sport and physical recreation activities"*. A 6 year action plan designed to work towards the vision is an integral part of the Strategy document. The Action Plan contains initiatives on Active Communities, Better Health, Quality Facilities, Developing Sport, and Dundee's Wider Role in provision of Sports and Physical Recreation.
- 6.6 Monitoring and review procedures are set out in the Action Plan and document in the interest of continual improvement.

7.0 **Consultation**

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Education, Director of Neighbourhood Resources & Development, Director of Social Work, and the Director of Planning & Transportation have all been consulted on this report.

8.0 **Background Papers**

Agenda Item V of Leisure Services Committee of 17 February 1997  
Agenda Item VI of the Leisure Services Committee of 16 February 1998  
Dundee's Sports & Physical Recreation Strategy

9.0 **Signature** .....  
Director of Leisure & Parks

**Date** .....