

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 17 June 2002**

**REPORT ON: Cyclists & Runners – Access to Olympia Shower Facilities**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Arts**

**REPORT NO: 515-2002**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for a pilot scheme aimed at encouraging people who work in the city-centre to travel to and from work without the need to use their cars.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee approve this pilot initiative to encourage healthy lifestyles through the provision of inexpensive shower and changing facilities at Olympia for City Centre workers cycling or running to work.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Participants will pay £5.00 per month, which will be additional income to Olympia.
- 3.2 Any costs arising from setting up the scheme would be covered by the monthly fee.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This initiative is consistent with the Council's commitment to the environment and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This initiative is consistent with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 A growing number of City Centre workers are keen to explore healthier and more environmentally friendly means of travelling to work, including cycling and running.

Access to inexpensive central changing and showering facilities is currently a block to further encouraging this healthy activity.

Given the City Council's Commitment to Local Agenda 21, Sustainability and the Environment, it is proposed to launch a pilot initiative to provide inexpensive access to Olympia for changing and shower facilities.

- 6.2 This pilot scheme will initially be limited to a maximum of 30 participants to enable assessment of the impact on other users of Olympia. The scheme will allow access to showers, towel and changing facilities between 06.30 am and 09.00 am on weekdays.

6.3 Participants will be required to commit to a direct-debit arrangement, which provides for 11 monthly payments of £5.00 per annum. The absence of a twelfth monthly payment reflects the Annual Maintenance Closure and Festive Season restrictions. There are also a limited number of secure bike storage cages available at the Olympia Car Park.

6.4 Participants will be required to complete an application form, providing essential personal information, and supply 2 passport-style photos to facilitate production of a laminated card.

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive and Directors of Finance, Support Services and Corporate Planning Planning and Transportation have been consulted on this report.

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