

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 24 November 2008

REPORT ON: Community Usage of Sports Facilities in PPP Secondary Schools

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks the Committee's approval for the appointment of Dundee Leisure to operate the sports facilities in St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School for community use outwith school times.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee

- 2.1 Requests Dundee Leisure to undertake the operation of St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School as described in this report.
- 2.2 Remits the Director of Leisure & Communities to negotiate an agreement with Dundee Leisure to undertake these services.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Charges for the facilities and activities will be aligned with Dundee Leisure's charges to ensure consistency. The operation will be on a cost neutral basis with no Management Fee provided by the City Council. Any surplus income generated will be utilised by Dundee Leisure to support the development of sporting activities etc.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School has the provision of a four badminton court sports halls, a twenty five metre swimming pool, a gym hall and dance studio as well as associated changing rooms and community entrance facilities.
- 4.2 The design of St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School has been co-ordinated with the utility company, the PPP Contractor, Discovery Education, so that while primarily for school use, it is also capable of being utilised for community use in the evenings, weekends and school holidays.
- 4.3 The proposal is for St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary Schools to be managed outside of school times by Dundee Leisure. This would be for 5 evenings a week plus 12.00p.m. - 5.00 p.m. on Saturday and 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. on Sunday during term time and all day during school holidays, if there is demand.
- 4.4. During term time the Sports hall would have 3 sessions, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. and 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. during the week plus hourly sessions during the weekend opening times. There would also be hourly sessions during the holidays. The Sports halls will not be available for Community use during the periods when exams are being held. This has been built into the financial planning and will be kept to the absolute minimum.

The swimming pool provision would be 3 sessions of 6.00 - 7.00 p.m., 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. during the 5 evening weekdays term time. It would be a mixture of swimming lessons, training sessions and pay and swim periods where the users could turn up for the allotted time period and pay at the entrance. There would be hourly sessions during the weekend opening times. Holiday times would be for 10 weeks of the year on an hourly basis, when there was demand, from 10.00am - 9.00pm.

- 4.5 It is proposed to undertake a review after 6 months of the operations to decide if time allocations are proving to be the most efficient to maximise usage.
- 4.6 The charges utilised would be the agreed standard charges of Dundee Leisure. The income would come from for the swimming pay and swim sessions, swimming lessons and training sessions. For the sports halls it will come from hire of the individual halls and activity sessions. Expenditure would be staffing costs to Dundee Leisure. All utilities and building maintenance costs are covered in the contract with Discovery Education except in the case of vandalism or misuse.
- 4.7 St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary swimming pool will be available for community use in March 2009 and the sports halls in June 2009.
- 4.8 It is proposed that a seconded staff member from Dundee Leisure would act as an Administrator and Programme Manager for 25 hours per week for St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School community sports use.
- 4.9 The Committee is asked to approve the proposal, as detailed above, for Dundee Leisure to operate St Paul's RC Academy PPP Secondary School for community sports use outwith school times and remit the Director of Leisure & Communities to enter into an agreement with Dundee Leisure for the above Services.
- 4.10 The proposal is for all bookings and payments etc to be handled by the Customer Service Team.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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