

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 19 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**REPORT ON: PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUBS, CHILDMINDERS, THE UNDER 12S PROJECT AND KIDS UNLIMITED**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 553-2005**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks approval to continue to provide funding to voluntary sector partners for the delivery of Dundee's Early Years and Childcare Strategy. The organisations included in this report are, Childminders, Under 12s Project and Kids Unlimited.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee note and approve the contents of this report and approve the award of grants as outlined in Appendix 3.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The full cost of this proposal is £87710.22 in the financial year 2005-6 and £49,227 in the financial year 2006-7. Funding will come from Sure Start and Childcare Strategy Funding made available to Local Authorities by the Scottish Executive. A summary of the financial expenditure is attached to this Report (See Appendix 1).

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 These proposals will enrich and enhance the learning and development of young children in Dundee and will enable them and their families to play a full part in society.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 These proposals will contribute towards ensuring that children and their families are effectively supported through childhood, enabling them to make best advantage of future opportunities. The proposals will also further support partnership and collaboration with the voluntary sector in Dundee.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

6.1 The voluntary sector has played an important role in increasing access to a range of services to support children and families. The delivery of Dundee's Early Years and Childcare Strategy has been strengthened by the well established partnerships established with a range of providers. This has created employment opportunities within

childcare and has widened the choice of services available to parents and children.

## **7.0 THE PROPOSAL**

### **7.1 Local Childminders**

7.2 Childminders provide home based childcare service to families. They are valued as a key provider of childcare services to children of all ages and particularly to babies and toddlers for whom close relationships and a home setting are recognised to have particular benefits.

7.3 Childminders are now regulated by the Care Commission and require to meet the National Care Standards. It is therefore important for childminders to supply age-appropriate toys and equipment and also to ensure that necessary safety equipment to meet registration requirements is in place in their homes. All newly registered childminders in Dundee were invited to submit applications for a £200 grant to support the purchase of essential resources. Ten registered childminders applied for this funding. A panel comprising members of the Early Years and Childcare Team and the Social Work Department considered these applications.

7.4 It is proposed to award £2119 to 10 newly registered childminders in the financial year 2005- 6. Further opportunities will be available for newly registered childminders to apply for start up funding in future years. Appendix 2 outlines Childminder applications received.

### **7.5 The Under 12's Project**

The Project caters primarily for families with children under 12 years of age who live in the Mid Craigie and Linlathen areas of Dundee and their environs and who are in the catchment area for Mid Craigie, Mossgeil and St Vincent's Primary Schools. During the course of each week 405 childcare places are taken up across the Project in services ranging from the out of school care club to children's groups, pre-5 work, homework clubs, lunch clubs and drop-in groups.

7.6 The Under 12s Project has operated a very successful Out of School Care project, The Cherry Drop Club, for many years. The Cherry Drop Club is a member of the Dundee Out of School Care Network. As the longest functioning club in the City, Cherry Drop has a skilled and experienced staff team including a full-time administrator who delivers a pay roll service to other clubs across the City and brings a wealth of experience to the Network.

7.7 The proposal aims to provide funding to continue and further develop the Under 12's Project which will enable them to develop services to:

- provide resources to develop the Cherry Drop Club to become self-sustaining.
- to sustain and develop the payroll support service to Dundee Out of School Care Network

- continue and further develop work with the pre-five age group including weekly Playgroups and Parent and Toddler Groups. Funding is sought to further develop this well used provision, provide additional resources and increase staffing levels.
- to support and strengthen the work of the Young Mum's Group

7.8 It is proposed that funding of £18,834 (See Appendix 3) be awarded from Childcare Strategy money to support this project during the Financial Year 2005-2006.

## **7.9 Kids Unlimited**

7.10 Kids Unlimited offers a free group work service to young people aged 9-13 years who are living in a household where a family member has a disability, a mental health problem, HIV/AIDS, a drug or alcohol related problem or a bereavement. The aim of Kids Unlimited therefore is to allow the young people an opportunity to have "time out" from their difficult circumstances to enjoy some fun whilst having the undivided attention and support of a dedicated team of workers and volunteers. Some of these children and young people may find it difficult to participate in local out of school clubs or other groups because of their circumstances

7.11 As a result of funding from Childcare Strategy, Kids Unlimited now offers a service to 36 young people. Referrals are received from Social Work, Health, Education and other voluntary groups. The key elements of service on offer are provision of a Reading Library, Bereavement Support, One to One Support, Training and Peer Mentoring.

7.12 It is proposed to provide funding of £47,803 (see Appendix 3) for the financial year 2005-06 and £49,227 for the financial year 2006-07 to enable the continuation of this project.

## **7.13 Out of School Care**

There are currently 19 Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee. All clubs are members of Dundee Out of School Care Network which is a fully constituted and well established group.

7.15 This proposal seeks approval to award grants of £18,954.25 (see Appendix 4) to the 19 Out of School Clubs across the City. This will provide much needed financial support to clubs who are struggling on very tight budgets and will enable them to purchase additional resources for use by children or training for staff.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

8.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Director of Social Work, and Head of Communities.

**9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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## Appendix 1

### Summary of Financial Implications

#### *Financial Year 2005-2006*

<b>Organisation</b>	<b><i>Childcare Strategy Funding</i></b>
* Childminders	£2,118.72
* Under 12s Project	£18,834.25
Kids Unlimited	£47,803.00
* Out of School Care	£18,954.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£87,710.22</b>

#### **Financial Year 2006-2007**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b><i>Childcare Strategy Funding</i></b>
Kids Unlimited	£49,227.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£49,227.00</b>

\* These groups will be able to apply for additional funding for financial year 2006/07

**APPENDIX 2**

**Childminder Applications**

<b>Childminder</b>	<b>Date Application Rec'd</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	03/08/2005	Slide, toys, cd player, children's cd collection, instruments, craft chest, box set, bricks, games, dress up chests	£198.86
2	03/08/2005	Stroller, buggy board, chair, mat, reins, blankets, nappy wrapper	£200.00
3	04/08/2005	Car seats, folding pram, booster chair and tray, activity cube, baby walker	£199.95
4	04/08/2005	Car seat, safety gate, pram, monitors, toy kitchen, doll, doll pram	£199.97
5	04/08/2005	Car seat, outdoor equipment, computer equipment, games, toys, books	£200.00
6	04/08/2005	Smoke alarm, stair gate, books, printer ink, booster seat, fire extinguisher, play table, outdoor toys, toys, first aid kit, photograph album, stationery	£307.56
7	27/07/2005	Toys, games, educational equipment	£200.00
8	01/08/2005	Fence and gate	£280.00
9	05/08/2005	Car seats, play house, tike, craft sets	£200.00
10	04/08/2005	Storage boxes, prams, dolls shelves, door stoppers, books, fire blanket, toys, stair gate	£202.38
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£2,188.72</b>

**APPENDIX 3**

**Under 12's Project : Financial Outline**

<b>Services</b>	<b>Number of children</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parent and Toddler group	15 - 17 children daily	£2209.31
Out of School Care	18 - 24 children daily	£5000.00
Young mums group	12 children	£2595.08
Payroll provision out of school care	up to max 15 clubs	£9029.86
		<b>£18834.25</b>

**Kids Unlimited : Financial Outline**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Salaries	£29,197	£30,063
Transport	£6,768	£6,971
Activities	£6,000	£6,180
Admin, insurance Phone	£1970	£2029
Staff expenses	£400	£412
Volunteer staff expenses	£768	£791
Rent rates electricity	£2700	£2781
	<b>£47,803</b>	<b>£49,227</b>

**APPENDIX 4**

**Out of School Care Club Grant Applications**

This table outlines proposals for making Grant Awards to Out of School Clubs.

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Date Application Rec'd</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Barnhill After School Care Club, Barnhill PS</b>	19/08/2005	Laptop computer, printer, software, books, paper, stationary	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>BJ's - Blackness, Blackness PS</b>	18/07/2005	PC, Software, Sport Equipment, Construction, Play Tent, Art and Craft Material	£1,029.88	£1,000.00
<b>BJ's - Joseph's, St. Joseph's PS</b>	18/07/2005	TV, PC, Outdoor Equipment, Indoor Equipment	£1,035.82	£1,000.00
<b>Cherry Drop Club</b>	15/08/2005	Resources and Equipment for Play	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Downfield OSC, Downfield PS</b>	19/08/2005	Fridge freezer, outdoor equipment, board games, books, arts and crafts materials	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Forthillbillies OSC</b>	17/08/2005	Tennis Table, Table Cover, Badminton Posts, Bowling Set, Play Panels, Lifestyle Centre, Kitchenette, Furniture	£1,004.35	£1,000.00
<b>Happy Hours, Ardler PS</b>	19/08/2005	projector, bean bags, sports equipment, science play equipment	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Hilltown OSC, Rosebank PS</b>	24/08/2005	Computer updates, software arts and crafts materials, musical equipment stationary and school holiday trips, toys and games	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Kids Fun House, St. Luke's &amp; St. Matthew's PS</b>	18/07/2005	Art Materials, Musical Instruments, Games, Sports Equipment, Playstation and Games, Gazebo, Christmas Trip	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Lochee, St. Mary's PS</b>	17/08/2005	Educational Software, Multicultural Activity Equipment/Toys/Crafts Etc	£966.25	£966.25
<b>Menziesshill OSC, Menziesshill Neighbourhood Centre</b>	18/07/2005	Camera, Snooker Table, Shop	£988.80	£988.00
<b>Schools Out!, Broughty Ferry</b>	19/08/2005	children's playhouse, laptop computer, printer and carry case	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>The Boomerang Club, Douglas Neighbourhood Centre</b>	17/08/2005	Table Top Games, Renewal of Table Top Games and IT Games	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>The Fun Factory, Park Place PS</b>	18/07/2005	Indoor/Outdoor Equipment, Musical Instruments	£1,002.76	£1,000.00
<b>The Glebie, Glebelands PS</b>	23/08/2005	sports equipment/ playstation games, printer, board games	£1,000.00	£1,000.00



**APPENDIX 4 Continued**

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<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Date Application Rec'd</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Stepping Stones</b>	22/08/2005	dig. camera, photo paper, ink cartridges, ball pool, play tunnel equipment for sensory room	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Mill O Mains</b>	18/08/2005	arts and crafts materials, snooker table	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Finmill</b>	24/08/2005	television, playstation, games, computer software,	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Craigiebarnowls</b>	24/08/2005	sofa sleep mats, play kitchen , multi cultural musical instruments	£1,076.00	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£18.954.25</b>