

**REPORT ON:** COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2004

**REPORT ON:** FUTURE OF GRASSY BEACH OUTDOOR EDUCATION  
CENTRE – PROGRESS UPDATE

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

**REPORT NO:** 190-2004

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Committee on the current and future use of Grassy Beach Outdoor Centre by Dundee Sailing Club under conditions (Report 53-2003 refers).

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the progress in transferring this resource to Dundee Sailing Club.
- 2.2 approves the interim lease of this Centre to Dundee Sailing Club at a negotiated rent of £900.00 per annum to 31 March 2006 plus running costs.
- 2.3 notes a lease condition requiring Dundee Sailing Club to indicate in writing whether they wish to exercise their option to purchase by 31 March 2005.
- 2.4 instructs the Director of Economic Development and Assistant Chief Executive (Support Services) to finalise the terms of the lease with Dundee Sailing Club.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no outstanding loan interest charges on the original capital construction.
- 3.2 Dundee Sailing Club currently lease changing/shower accommodation and dinghy park facilities at £550 per annum to 27 May 2005.
- 3.3 The annual net revenue cost for the 2003/2004 operation of this building is £9,373. The above arrangements will reduce same to £1,576 per annum.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The use of the building for water sports will continue to allow maximum access for community based water sports at this location.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no additional equal opportunities implications involved in these proposals.

## **6.0 PROGRESS REPORT**

- 6.1 During the 2003 sailing season the Club has secured sports club charitable status and has taken on the operational energy costs related to this facility.
- 6.2 An application has been submitted for rating relief. The Club are currently exploring with the assistance of the Council access to the Sports Lottery funding to finance a purchase of the building and modest improvements to facilities.

## **7.0 FUTURE POSITION**

- 7.1 The Club has asked for additional time to manage this transition and to contract external funders with a business plan which they can financially service without creating difficulties or tensions with their neighbours at this site.

## **8.0 CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 Dundee Sailing Club have indicated their willingness to pursue the purchase of the property and to co-operate with other users.
- 8.2 It is considered beneficial to grant them this additional time subject to lease conditions where a decision on their future intentions must be made by 31 March 2005.

## **9.0 CONSULTATION**

- 9.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) and Director of Economic Development have been consulted in relation to the content of this report.

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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