

**REPORT TO:** DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2002  
DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL LEISURE & ARTS COMMITTEE- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2002

**REPORT ON:** GRANT AID TO PROMOTE SPORTING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUBS

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION – DIRECTOR OF LEISURE and ARTS

**REPORT NO:** 542-2002

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks approval to develop the pilot initiative which ran from August 2001- June 2002 which was set up to improve provision of sports development activities within all Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that members agree to the project as outlined in this report and:

2.2 approve the funding of £43,400 for the establishment of a fixed term sports co-ordinator post to be located in the Leisure and Arts Department

2.3 remit the Director of Education and the Director of Leisure and Arts to liaise with the Director of Personnel & Management Services in order to establish the temporary post.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The full cost of this proposal over the financial year from August 2002 – March 2003 is £19,000, and for financial year from April 2003 – 2004 is £24,400 and will be met from funding for New Childcare Projects and Childcare Workforce Development made available to the Education Department by the Scottish Executive. A detailed financial outline is appended to this report.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The grant awarded will improve access to the skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This proposal will enhance choice and diversity in out of school care provision, improving equality of access and further strengthening Partnership across sectors.

## **6.0 CURRENT SITUATION**

6.1 The Scottish Executive has provided grant to individual authorities for New Childcare Projects to support the provision of out of school care and family support services. In addition funding for Childcare Workforce Development has been made available to support the training and development of the childcare workforce.

6.1 Dundee currently has 16 Out of School Care Clubs (with a further 1 due to open in August 2002) registered to provide childcare services under the Children Act 1989 Dundee City Council. Out of School Care Clubs are managed by voluntary management committees, comprising mainly parents.

- 6.2 Clubs set fees at a level affordable to parents. These organisations rely on income derived from fees and fundraising to maintain their activities, pay rents and to pay staff wages. Grants previously awarded, have provided these organisations with opportunities to enhance provision. The support provided by members of the Early Years and Childcare Partnership Team also enables clubs to develop quality services in line with relevant targets identified within the Dundee Early Years and Childcare Plan 2000-2004.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 Out of School Care Clubs have identified the need for improved activities within the clubs which could be offered on a planned regular basis and which would capture the young people's interest whilst improving the overall quality of provision. Clubs have also identified the need to offer activities which hold the interest of older Primary 6 and 7 pupils.

- 7.2 A pilot initiative in all 16 of the Out of School Care Clubs to promote and deliver physical and sporting activities was highly successful and popular with young people and their playworkers. This initiative builds on the skills and confidence of playworkers and will continue to help them develop the expertise to provide sports activities routinely within the clubs.

- 7.3 The Dundee Out of School Care Network has expressed a commitment to extending the range of provision on offer to children and young people taking up these services. Sporting and physical activities promote children's health, physical development and team building skills. This initiative will ensure that children in Out of School Care Clubs in Dundee will continue to benefit as club staff develop their skills. The project will also continue to address the considerable concern currently being expressed about the lack of physical activity of many of our young people today.

## **8.0 PROPOSAL**

- 8.1 An evaluation of the pilot project has shown that the Out of School Care Clubs who have participated are keen for it to continue. The proposal is split into two main areas of development. The first is the training of club staff enabling the clubs to continue to offer sporting and physical activities once the project has ended. The second strand of the proposal is the emphasis on the physical benefits of the project to the children who participate. The proposal aims to extend and develop the existing initiative by employing a temporary Sports Co-ordinator to lead, develop, co-ordinate and monitor the project. The project will deliver a rolling programme of structured sports coaching which will be delivered in Out of School Care clubs identified in co-operation with Dundee Out of School Care Network. This programme will combine sporting and physical activities with teamwork skills, and will offer increased physical exercise and social development for all children who attend the clubs. Children will be encouraged to develop these skills within a safe caring environment and at their own pace. Experienced staff from the Leisure and Arts Department will facilitate the sessions.

- 8.2 This project will run from August 2002 – end of March 2004. The project has been developed as the result of a successful partnership between the Early Years and Childcare Team, the Sports Development Unit and The Dundee Out of School Care Network. The Early Years and Childcare Team will review and evaluate the initiative and will produce a report on its progress at the end of the pilot period.

## **9.0 CONSULTATION**

- 9.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Directors of Social Work, Personnel & Management Services, Neighbourhood Resources and Development, Finance and Support Services.

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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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**SIGNATURES**

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Director of Education

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Director of Leisure and Arts

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## APPENDIX 1

**Sports Development Project****Sports Development Unit/ Dundee Out of School Care Network****Project Start Date – August 2002 to March 2003**

Co-ordinator Salary, (Aug. 2002 – March 2003), Sports Coach Time, Travel Expenses and Sports Equipment

**Total for Year to End March 2003** **£19,000.00**

**Project Date April 2003 – end of March 2004**

Co-ordinator (Full Time Salary), Sports Coach (12hrs per week for 36 weeks), Travel Expenses

**Total for Year to end March 2004** **£24,400.00**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>
Childcare New Projects	£9,000	£10,000
Workforce Development	£10,000	£14,400