

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 23 APRIL 2012

REPORT ON: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF TWO HOURS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of the Education Committee on the proposed use of the additional funding from the Scottish Government to support the delivery of two hours of Physical Education (PE) in primary and two periods in S1-S4 in secondary schools.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- 2.1** approves the proposals to use the additional funding over a two year period to:
- i. increase the number of MUGAs (Multi Usage Games Areas) to a further ten primary schools;
 - ii. develop the current range of staff development opportunities to enable an increased number of primary teachers to undertake an additional qualification or extend their current expertise in the teaching of PE;
 - iii. promote and develop the existing guidelines on the teaching of PE in the primary sector; and
 - iv. develop a set of guidelines on the delivery of relevant courses and activities in PE to reflect the needs and interests of pupils in S5 and S6 of secondary education.
- 2.2** notes the extensive provision of additional sporting activities being delivered across Dundee schools outwith the core curriculum.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** To support local authorities in reaching the target of providing at least two hours of PE in primary schools or two periods of PE in secondary schools, sportscotland has identified an additional £3.4 million to be distributed to authorities over the next two years. This will be supplemented with a further £2.4 million package of national developments led by Education Scotland to increase the support available to local authorities and teachers.
- 3.2** The support funding for Dundee will be £95,000 to be allocated over a two year period. This will be allocated in equal amounts of £47,500 in October 2012 and October 2013. Each local authority will work in partnership with sportscotland and Education Scotland to agree an action plan which will help support delivery of their

commitment and establish the required input and contribution from staff within Education Scotland.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1** The additional funding to local authorities and the allocation package to Education Scotland requires local authorities to produce an agreed action plan on PE provision in primary and secondary schools. The proposals set out in this report will form the basis of the action plan for Dundee. The emphasis will be placed on ensuring the delivery of a quality experience for all children and young people. In addition, the roll out of PE will be extended in the secondary sector within Dundee so that all S5-6 pupils receive an allocation of two periods of PE from August 2013.
- 4.2** The proposal is that the additional funding will be used in a number of ways. The first way will be to extend current PE facilities by providing additional Multi Usage Games Areas (MUGAs) in the following ten primary schools: Ancrum Road PS; Barnhill PS; Cleington Road PS; Craigiebarns PS; Forthill PS; Glebelands PS; Hillside PS; Longhaugh PS; Mill of Mains PS; and St Luke's and St Matthew's PS. This proposal will provide each school with a 22m x 12m MUGA and will allow each school increased flexibility and capacity to deliver PE within and outside the school building. The provision of MUGAs will cost approximately £78,000. The following schools already have MUGA pitches: Blackness PS, Castlepark, Dens Road PS, Eastern PS, Our Lady's RC PS, Ss Peter and Paul RC PS and St Mary's RC PS. PPP schools have adequate facilities as will the new builds.
- 4.3** A further proposal will extend the current range of staff development opportunities to enable an increased number of primary teachers to undertake an additional teaching qualification or extend their current expertise in the teaching of PE. This will extend the number of primary teachers in our schools who have the additional PGCE qualification in teaching PE. To achieve this, a comprehensive staff development programme will be implemented at an estimated cost of £10,000. The programme will provide:
- local training within Dundee through a series of cluster and citywide workshops run by the Active Schools Team;
 - specialised sporting workshops using local coaches and clubs;
 - input at primary school level by a number of qualified PGCE teachers currently in Dundee schools;
 - free access to the PGCE course on PE for primary teachers in partnership with the University of Edinburgh; and
 - input from Edinburgh University staff who will deliver a series of PE modules and provide staff training events in Dundee.
- 4.4** The funding will also be used to review and develop the existing guidelines on the teaching of PE in the primary sector. The current guidelines provide advice and guidance for teachers on the delivery of PE in areas such as the teaching of gymnastics; games skills; team activities, dance and outdoor activities. The revised guidance will ensure that the content and delivery of the PE programmes in primary schools takes full account of the experiences and outcomes in each level within a Curriculum for Excellence with direct relevance to the advice on Health and Wellbeing. The funding allocation for the review of the current guidelines would be £4,500 and would include the review, development and distribution of the new guidelines.

- 4.5** The final proposal would be to extend the delivery of two periods of PE to include all S5 and S6 pupils in secondary schools. To facilitate this development, it is proposed to develop a set of guidelines on the delivery of relevant course units and activities in PE to reflect the needs and interests of pupils in S5 and S6 of secondary education. The senior guidelines would be developed at a cost of £2,500 and would be in place for the start of the new session in August 2013.
- 4.6** The provision of two hours of PE in the primary sector and two periods in the secondary sector should be viewed as a minimum provision within Dundee. The time allocations refer only to the core teaching input and do not take account of the time spent by pupils studying PE at Standard Grade, Higher or Advanced Higher level. Nor do they reflect the involvement of pupils in extra curricular or out of school sporting activities.
- 4.7** In addition, the time allocations do not reflect the role and input of the Active Schools Team within Dundee or the significant number of children and young people who take part in sporting activities on a planned and systematic basis. This can be exemplified by the following data based on delivery and participation of children and young people during the 2010-11 session:
- there were 168,667 participant sessions and these were attended by a collective total of 250,000 children and young people from within Dundee;
 - there were 52,606 participant sessions in Dundee Secondary Schools;
 - there were 13,514 participant sessions for pupils in Primary 1-3;
 - 488 girls from primary schools took part in the Dundee Schools Girls' Football League;
 - there were 10 girls only events at the Dundee Games with 266 individual participants;
 - there were 80 sporting activities at the Dundee Games;
 - 104 senior pupils in Dundee gained sports qualifications through Active Schools; and
 - nine primary to secondary transition events are held each year.
- 4.8** The level of input from SportDundee for primary and secondary pupils across Dundee is not taken into account when calculating the provision of PE in primary or secondary schools despite the extensive range of activities. Core facts exemplars from the 2011 Annual Report include:
- the delivery of 828 separate sport and physical activity classes with 10,305 participant sessions;
 - a 15% increase in the number of participants rising from 130,889 in 2009/10 to 151,528 in 2010/11;
 - 600 pupils accessed rugby activities following a six-week secondary curricular programme which culminated in an inter house tag tournament;
 - the most successful Dance Festival yet at the Caird Hall where dancers and groups performed to 687 family and friends in the audience;
 - the expansion of the Basic Moves programme into more primary schools due to increasing demand from children and parents;
 - the Dundee Rotary Youth Games was run with 50 teams competing from 36 Dundee schools; and
 - the Tesco Bank and McDonalds Football Programmes were attended by 471 Primary 2 and 3 pupils from six primary schools. This culminated in a Football Festival involving over 300 pupils from P3 classes.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environment assessment, anti poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management.

5.2 There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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