REPORT NO 233/97

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.....(25 February 1997)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - MONIES TRANSFERRED FROM TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW & ADMINISTRATION AND DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Social Work Committee to the payment of £10,000 to Tayside Special Olympics Group. This being the sum transferred to Angus Council by the former Tayside Regional Council.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Angus Social Work Committee approves the payment of £10,000 transferred from the former Tayside Regional Council for the support of Special Olympics, to the Tayside Special Olympics Group.

2 INTRODUCTION

At a meeting of the former Tayside Regional Council Social Work Committee on 6 March 1995 a request for funding for the Special Olympics Scotland Appeal Trust was agreed in principle. Tayside Social Work Committee agreed in principle to provide grant assistance of £10,000 to any Trust or properly constituted body established to promote Special Olympics in Scotland.

By the time of local government reorganisation in April 1996 a separate organisation for Special Olympics had not been established and the Director of Finance in the former Tayside Regional Council instructed that the money earmarked for Special Olympics should be transferred to Angus Council.

The Director of Social Work has received a letter, a copy of which is attached to this report, intimating that Special Olympics Scotland has now been formally constituted. In this letter the chairman of Special

Olympics Scotland has requested that the monies put aside by the former Tayside Regional Council are transferred to the Tayside Special Olympics Group, a registered charity which promotes and co-ordinates the activity of Special Olympics in the Tayside area.

3 PROPOSAL

It is therefore proposed that the £10,000 put aside by the former Tayside Regional Council for the purposes of Special Olympics which was transferred to Angus Council should be provided as grant assistance to the Tayside Special Olympics Group.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Angus Council arising from this report.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Council have also been consulted on this matter and are in agreement with the proposal made in this report.

13 February 1997

W B Robertson Director of Social Work

NOTE

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.

Special Olympics Scotland

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Date: 11 February 1997

Mr Bill Robertson
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Dear Mr Robertson

I am delighted to confirm with you that we have formally constituted Special Olympics within Scotland and would request that the monies, (ten thousand pounds), put aside by the Regional Council of Tayside can now be transferred to the Special Olympics group which operates in Tayside.

As you are aware, Tayside Special Olympics is one of the most active groups in Scotland and your representative Margaret Keith is currently the Vice Chair of Scotland.

I trust this request is in order.

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Yours sincerely

Gordon McCormack

Chairman

Special Olympics Scotland