

**ANGUS COUNCIL****CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 2 June 1998****RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 4 June 1998****BRECHIN & CARNOUSTIE HIGH SCHOOL POOLS USAGE UPDATE****JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES &  
CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER****ABSTRACT**

To provide the members with an updated position with regard to the use being made of the high school pools at Brechin and Carnoustie.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Committee agree to note the content of this report and agree to a further update being provided at the November cycle of meetings to keep them informed on the progress being made to make the operation of the high school pools more viable.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

Report 413/98 presented annual usage figures for the various leisure facilities operated by Contract Services for the financial year April 1997 to March 1998. The report was noted with a request for a follow up report on the situation regarding the High School pools to be brought to committee.

Information has also been included regarding the school lets which are provided by the Education Department for Monday to Friday evening use during term time.

**3. FINDINGS**

Both of the high school pools are used every evening through the education lets and accommodate a number of swimming clubs, uniformed organisations and swimming lessons. With regard to Games Hall usage, there are currently 4 regular bookings for the facilities at Brechin High School and 3 at Carnoustie.

The operation of the high school facilities by Contract Services is showing substantial improvement over previous years as was seen in the annual increase in use of approximately 2000 in each facility.

The improved level of recharge which Recreation pays to Education for the use of the facilities and the charge which Recreation pays Contract Services to operate the management of the facilities is now beginning to reduce the subsidy even further.

During 1997-1998 the subsidy for Brechin HS Pool based on 11,548 users was £3.72 per head and at Carnoustie HS Pool based on the 9253 users was £4.47 per head.

Information is only available for April 1998 but is certainly showing an encouraging start to the new financial year. The table below shows the April comparisons between this year and last.

Facility	use 97/98	income 97/98	subsidy 97/98	use 98/99	income 98/99	subsidy 98/99
BHSP	938	£952	£3.72	2069	£1650	£0.88
CHSP	1233	£1949	£4.47	1434	£1533	£1.33

A further update will be provided to monitor whether this trend is lasting during the year and will be reported as a mid term review of all facilities.

Contract Services have been actively promoting these facilities to the local communities and trying new initiatives to increase use. Greater use of the dry side areas is also assisting to reduce the overall subsidy levels.

Further work is planned to ensure that the improvements continue and that a successful summer season is operated from the facilities. Poster campaigns and newspaper advertising will continue to promote the main leisure facilities as well as the high school facilities.

The Operations Managers and their staff will locally monitor the situations and endeavour to match need to the available provision.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is anticipated that the trend for increased use will continue and with it generate greater levels of income and reduce the subsidy per head. These combined effects are certainly making the continued operation of the high school facilities more viable.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

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

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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 this report.