

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2003

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY FOR ANGUS

ABSTRACT

To inform Committee of the proposed consultation process in delivering a Physical Activity Strategy for Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that Committee approve the consultation process outlined in this report to establish a robust and deliverable Physical Activity Strategy for Angus.

2. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

Angus Council previously adopted the Angus Policy Statement on Physical Activity. This statement was produced in collaboration with Leisure, Education, Social Work and Contract Services and representatives from the health profession and national agencies. A copy is available in the members lounge.

The recently published strategy for physical activity in Scotland "*Lets make Scotland more active*" by the Physical Activity Task Force and it's clear links to the Scottish Executives white paper 'Towards a Healthier Scotland' sets the framework and principles that need to be achieved to raise levels of physical activity in Scotland.

Committee report 1089/02 set the background to the above and the Councils response to the Physical Activity Task Force

For Angus to gain the benefit of this national strategy it is required that a local strategy be developed in partnership with Angus residents and local clubs and organisations.

It is proposed that a Short Life Working Group be established to develop a draft local strategy that will be widely circulated for comment.

It is envisaged that the working group will also consider the specific needs of the Education Department in their requirement to meet the needs of the HMI report with regard to physical activity in schools.

Also cohesion must be achieved with this strategy, the Angus Sports Plan and the wider Angus Cultural Strategy.

We hope to be in a position to commence public consultation in October, with a final strategy being presented to Committee for consideration in early 2004.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications associated with this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

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

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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 this report.