

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2009

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE REVIEW

Abstract: Initial findings on the service review investigating the “Support for recreational opportunities and youth initiatives with a view to equitable provision across Angus.”

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to the actions taken to date and that the audit information is used to help ensure that opportunities are provided in the identified areas, subject to them being contained within existing budgetary allocations, to meet the needs of the various burghs across Angus.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Service Area identified for review.

‘Support for recreational opportunities and youth initiatives with a view to equitable provision across Angus.’

In order to take this review forward an initial meeting was held in mid June 2008 to discuss the remit for the review and the methodology for carrying out the review. This included officers from Sports & Countryside Services and Community Learning and Development.

It was discussed and agreed that the definitions to be used during the review were:

Recreational opportunities – sports and physical activity
Youth Initiatives – youth work
Youth – 11 years +
Equitable provision – 8 local partnership areas plus rural programmes for sport and physical activity

It was also agreed the review method would consider the audit work from the Education/Community Services Links working group. This would be used to:

- Highlight current opportunities and initiatives
- Identify planned developments
- Identify current gaps
- Explain reasons for gaps in provision, if known
- Where gaps in provision are identified and unknown – consult on need
- Report back on identified need with resource implications

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The initial findings have been collated and are contained within [appendix 1](#).
- 3.2 Perceived gaps in current provision have been identified and where possible the resource implications are noted. It is proposed that only the gaps in provision that can be contained within current revenue budgets will be addressed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with the recommendation of this report.

4.2 Although it may be difficult in the current financial climate, should decisions be taken to expand or extend the programmes and initiatives, any resource implications which have been identified within Appendix 1 would require to be fully quantified and thereafter the financial implications identified. A further report would be presented for members' consideration in these circumstances.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Human Rights issues associated with this report.

6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

Outcome 4:- Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens:-

- Improved learning opportunities for young people are available.

Outcome 6:- We live longer, healthier lives:-

- Children and Young People in Angus are active with opportunities and encouragement to participate in play and recreation, including sport.

Outcome 15:- Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs:-

- Services are targeted at those in greatest need.

7. CONSULTATION

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

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The issues dealt within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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