

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 4 OCTOBER 2001
EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 16 OCTOBER 2001

TAYSIDE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES &
THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**ABSTRACT**

To advise committee members on the continuing developments regarding the Tayside Sports Development Group Partnership.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:-

- note the contents of the report
- agree to the continuing involvement with the partnership which will be developed within a new Service Level Agreement

2. INTRODUCTION

The Tayside Sports Development Group was formed in 1994 and continues to develop its activities and direction. This report is to provide committee members with the latest position and the vision for the way ahead for the partnership.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Report 60/01 indicated that the partnership was exploring opportunities to develop an enhanced model for the regional delivery of sports development. This exercise has been completed and a structure has been agreed which will provide a new regional manager, an enhanced administrator and a team of five sports specific development officers.

The post of regional manager has now been advertised and it is hoped that this post will be filled by the end of October 2001. Following this appointment the post holder will work with the Project Management Team to conclude the Tayside Sports Development Group (TSDG) review including the audit and will make recommendations for the way forward.

This revised structure will provide substantial new benefit to the Tayside sporting communities and is being supported by **additional** investment by the partners of £528,000 over a four-year period. The overall investment by TSDG will be in the region of £285,000 per year including lottery funding of £65,000.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The existing investment by Angus Council to TSDG is £15,000 per year. The revised structure will require this to be increased to £25,000 per year for a four-year period, subject to annual review. The Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport will continue to be funded at a level of £10,000 per year. The total contribution to the partnerships will therefore increase by £10,000 from £25,000 to £35,000.

This can be contained within the existing revenue budgets of Recreation and Education departments, with Education contributing up to a maximum of £7,500, per annum, subject to annual review. Reference is made to report 1025/98, which allows for support to both of these partnerships where flexibility can be contained within existing budgets.

The finances for the new TSDG Regional structure requires an additional £10,000 from Angus Council which is matched by £80,000 from sportscotland, £32,000 from Dundee City Council and £10,000 from Perth & Kinross Council.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Issues associated with this report.

6. CONSULTATION

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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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 this report.