

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 18 JANUARY 2001
EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2001

TAYSIDE & FIFE INSTITUTE OF SPORT

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

ABSTRACT

To inform the committees on the progress to date on the establishment of the local Area Institute of Sport – The Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee agree to: -

- ◆ Note the content of the report
- ◆ Note the new partnership working towards the provision of excellence in sport for the Tayside and Fife areas

2. INTRODUCTION

Previous reports on the Tayside Sports Development Group (TSDG) have informed the committees on the proposals to establish one of the six Scottish Area Institutes of Sport in the Tayside area.

The work to bring this proposal to reality was undertaken by the TSDG Project Management Team with substantial input from the co-opted member of Dundee University.

Consultation with local clubs, local athletes and coaches, and discussions with existing and potential new partners allowed TSDG to prepare and submit the lottery application to progress this initiative.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Following the successful phase one lottery bid in June 2000, the new Tayside and Fife partnership with the Scottish Institute of Sport has been extremely active.

The main partners are Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Fife Council, Perth and Kinross Council, University of Dundee, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Scottish Institute of Sport and **sportscotland**.

Towards the end of August representatives of the main partners signed a Concordat as a declaration of intent to support and encourage the development of sporting excellence across Tayside and Fife.

The Area Manager (Vicky Strange) was appointed and took up post at the beginning of September, 2000. The administrative base for the Area Institute has been established within the Institute of Sport and Exercise at the University of Dundee.

The administrator (Lisa Govan) recently took up post at the start of December, 2000.

A great deal of work is now taking place to achieve a successful phase two lottery award and to ensure that systems and structures are in place to deal effectively with the athletes and coaches.

The Scottish Institute sports identified at present are Athletics, Badminton, Curling, Football, Hockey, Rugby and Swimming.

The Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport (TFIS) has not included football in its initial plans but the other six sports, as well as integrating athletes with a disability into athletics and swimming, are the priority focus at present.

Each athlete will be inducted into TFIS. This will include a Needs Analysis, a Medical Profile and an Athlete Career and Education assessment which will allow a programme to be developed to meet the individual needs of that athlete.

The announcement of the first phase of TFIS athletes will take place at an open public meeting of the Tayside and Fife Institute in early January.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The contributions which the Local Authority partners are making in the first year is £10,000. This has been budgeted for within a total sum to the Tayside sporting partnerships. The Angus contribution of £10,000 is being matched by the other councils and the University of Dundee with Scottish Enterprise Tayside contributing £5,000 and Lottery funding of up to £100,000.

This has the effect of providing an initial £155,000 for the development of excellence in sport across Tayside and Fife with three future years funding to a similar level being agreed in principle.

The Council's contribution of £10,000 is contained within the funding available to Sporting partnerships totalling £25,000 from the Recreation and Education Departments budgets.

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.