

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	27 FEBRUARY 2001
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**SIXTH SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMES
CARDIFF – 28 JULY TO 4 AUGUST 2001**

**JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
AND DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES**

ABSTRACT

This report highlights to Committee the selection of 9 staff and 32 athletes from Angus Council in the Tayside Special Olympics Team.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee

- I. approves the participation of 9 Angus Council staff at the British Summer Games in Cardiff as part of the Tayside Team (7 Social Work, 1 Recreation Services and 1 Education).
- II. approves the participation of 32 service users from the 3 Adult Resource Centres in Angus as athletes at the British Summer Games as part of the Tayside Team.
- III. approves 9 Council staff to be given 50% of their absence from work due to the Games as paid leave.

2 INTRODUCTION

Tayside Special Olympians continue to take a leading role in local, British and International events. In 1999 we had 23 athletes as part of the British Team taking part in the Special Olympics World Games in North Carolina, USA and in 2000, 6 members from Tayside travelled to the Special Olympics European Games in Gronigan, Holland. In 1997 Tayside had a team of 148 at the last Summer Games in Portsmouth when we brought home a total of 183 medals. 2001 will see a Tayside Team of 145 people heading for Cardiff on Friday 27 July. The opening ceremony will take place in Cardiff Arms Park on the evening of Saturday 28 July and the Team will travel home on Saturday 4 August following the closing ceremony on the evening of 3 August.

3 PROPOSAL

It is recommended that nine members of staff from Angus Council as either part of the team management, head coaches, coaches or escorts be released to attend the Sixth British Summer Special Olympics Games which will take place in Cardiff, Wales from the 28 July until 4 August 2001. Thirty-two service users from 3 Adult Resource Centres within Angus will be supported to attend the above games as athletes.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Tayside Special Olympics is a registered Scottish charity and fundraising events take place throughout the year. Tayside Special Olympics funds our athletes travel, accommodation and team kit, with athletes being asked to contribute up to 20% of the cost. Staff travel and accommodation costs are met by Tayside Special Olympics and the granting of paid leave to

the 9 staff members will not generate additional costs within the relevant departmental budgets.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in 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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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 the above report.