

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 25 MAY 2004

EAST AYRSHIRE ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Education Committee of the national model for Active Schools proposed by Sportscotland and the potential implementation of Active Schools in East Ayrshire Council Department of Educational and Social Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Members will be aware of reports to the Education Committee in 1999 and 2002 with regard to Sports Co-ordinators. In 1999 school sports co-ordinators were established for one day per week in each secondary school and one day per week for the special schools. The cost of funding these posts was shared between the Council and Sportscotland.
- 2.2** Following the success of the programme in the period 1999 to 2002, in August 2002 Sportscotland funded an additional day per week for each co-ordinator. This additional funding was allocated to ensure that each secondary school had a Sports Co-ordinator for 2 days per week in 2002-03, which has enabled work with some primary schools within Learning Partnerships to take place.
- 2.3** Also in 2003, Members agreed to extend the programme further following additional three year funding of £81,000 from Sportscotland through the New Opportunities Fund.
- 2.4** As a consequence of this funding, the Authority has achieved the following (data accurate to June 2003):
- Increased the number of pupils taking part in out of schools hours sports participation by 115 % (from 3,569 to 7,684)
 - Increased the number of coaching sessions by 144% (from 556 to 1356)
 - Increased the number of teachers running sessions by 95% until June 2003 (from 187 to 365).
- 2.5** In 2000, Sportscotland and East Ayrshire piloted an Active Primary School Co-ordinator within the primary schools of Cumnock Learning Partnership to improve schools' physical activity programmes. The salary costs of the active

primary school co-ordinator was met by Sportscotland, with other associated incidental costs being met from existing resources.

In 2003, a further Active Schools Co-ordinator Post was approved by Education Committee and funded by Sportscotland. This post has not yet been implemented because of ongoing developments and discussions with Sportscotland.

- 2.6** From April 2004, the funding strategy from Sportscotland for school sport co-ordinators and active primary schools co-ordinators will alter and the key points are outlined below.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1** In February 2003, the Scottish Executive launched the National Physical Activity Strategy and clearly defined the following areas for development of physical activity: Active Schools, Active Communities, Active Workplaces, Active Homes. The Scottish Executive are now using these areas as frameworks to organise the range of partnerships and actions that we will need to help make Scotland more active.

- 3.2** The issue of children's physical activity is of such great concern that Scottish Ministers announced in October 2002 that they would fund more staff in schools to support such activity. Sportscotland has been given the remit and the additional resources to manage this process. The Scottish Executive has given Sportscotland an additional budget of £12,000,000, over three years, to roll out this activity to more schools throughout Scotland.

3.3 Active Schools Philosophy and Objectives

The paper entitled "Scotland's Health: A Challenge to Us All" highlighted schools as a setting offering great potential "because of their role in shaping the habits and behaviours of young people. Pupils can be presented with information and encouraged to develop skills and attitudes which will enable them to make informed and sensible choices about their health".

The Scottish Executive, in the National Physical Activity Strategy, identified that physical activity is made up of a very wide range of behaviours and activities; Active Schools play a key role in implementing this.

Sportscotland has defined the strategic objectives of Active Schools as:

- To increase sport and physical activity participation amongst school aged children with a focus on inclusion.

- To create a national network that will allow all 32 local authorities to effectively support the delivery of Active Schools.
- To develop and strengthen links with a wider partnership network, at national and local level e.g. health, education, transport, community and voluntary sector.

3.4 Delivery of Active Schools

Sportscotland is committed to achieving this through the following principles and delivery mechanisms:

- Active Schools (Primary)
- Active Schools (Secondary)
- Active Schools Management
- Active Schools Influence
- Links to Health Promoting Schools

3.5 Implementing Active Schools in East Ayrshire

The planning process for Active Schools in East Ayrshire has been taken forward by an Active Schools Project Team comprising representatives of Sportscotland, Department of Education and Social Services, Leisure and Development Services and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board. These representatives were nominated by Directorate sponsors of the project from each Department. The Sponsors are required to sign a Project Initiation Document agreeing to work together to develop an Active Schools implementation plan for East Ayrshire.

The national model being implemented by Sportscotland requires the following bid to be submitted by East Ayrshire:

1. Appointment of an Active Schools Manager (or allocation of these duties to an existing member of staff with Sportscotland's agreement), prior to any additional Active School staff being appointed. The Active Schools Manager Post will be part funded by Sportscotland and will line manage the Active School Co-ordinators. Existing School Sports Co-ordinators and Active Primary School Co-ordinators will become Active School Co-ordinators Primary and Active School Co-ordinators Secondary.
2. The appointment of an additional seven Active School Co-ordinators Primary; this will provide one co-ordinator for each of the nine learning partnerships. The salary costs of the Active School Co-ordinators

Primary will continue to be met by Sportscotland with other associated incidental costs met from existing resources.

3. The adjustment of the Active School Co-ordinator Secondary allocations to take account of the appointment of Active School Co-ordinators Primary.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of Active School Co-ordinators Secondary is in line with our existing and previous contribution to the School Sports Co-ordinator programme and would be unlikely to change. This was previously approved by Education Committee and is within existing budgets.
- 4.2 The costs of the Active Schools Co-ordinator Primary posts would be fully funded by Sportscotland. The Active Schools Manager cost will be part funded by Sportscotland and part funded from within existing resources of East Ayrshire.
- 4.3 Sportscotland would also contribute £10,000 for each of the three years towards the operating costs of the programme. The other operating costs of the programme can be met from within existing resources.
- 4.4 Details of the implementation of the scheme, with full costs, will be submitted to the Education Committee when approval is granted by Sportscotland.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Discussions have taken place with the Head of Personnel regarding these potential new appointments. The Corporate Governance Committee would be involved in approving these new posts.
- 5.2 The Community Services Committee should also consider this and subsequent papers.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Members of Committee:
 - (i) agree the submission of the bid to implement Active Schools in East Ayrshire,
 - (ii) agree the requirement of Community Services Committee approval to implement Active Schools in East Ayrshire
 - (iii) agree that any new posts would be scrutinised via Corporate Governance Committee
 - (iv) otherwise, note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Implementation Officer: John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support

FINANCIAL COSTS OF ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

<i>Investment Areas</i>	<i>2004/05</i>	<i>2005/06</i>	<i>2006/07</i>	<i>Sportscotland contribution</i>	<i>EAC contribution</i>	<i>New Staffing</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Active Schools Co-ordinator (primary)</i>	£260,145 (9 x £23,500 + 23%)	£267,950 (2004 + 3% inflation)	£275,988 (2005 + 3% inflation)	£804,083	0	8	£804,083
<i>Active Schools Co-ordinator (secondary)</i>	£70,000 (1)	£70,000(1)	£70,000(1)	£90,000	£120,000	0	£255,000
<i>Active Schools Manager</i>	£43,050 (£35,000 + 23%)	£44,342 (2004 + 3% inflation)	£45,672 (2005 + 3% inflation)	£90,000	£43,064	0	£133,064
<i>Support</i>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

(1). **10 (9 Clusters + 1 for St. Joseph's) X 40 weeks X 1 supply day X £175 = £70,000**
(Sportscotland: 10X40X1X£75 = £30,000, East Ayrshire: 10X40X1X£100 = £40,000)

(2). An approximate estimation of support costs have been calculated as this is required by Sportscotland as East Ayrshire's contribution to the Active Schools Project, it is anticipated some of this would come from existing resources and some is already allocated supporting the staff currently operating in school PE departments.

	Primary	Secondary	Manager
Furniture	£4,050 (£150 desk, £100 chair, £200 file/ APCo)		£900 (£150 desk, £100 chair, £200 file x2)
Accommodation	£54,000 (£2,000/APCo/annum)		£6,000 (£2,000 / annum)
Administrative support	£13,500 (£500/APCo/annum)	£13,500 (£500/ASCo/annum)	£54,027 (GS3:£14,211+23% +3% inflation in Y2 & Y3) £6,000 (£2,000x3yrs)
Advertising	£6,000		
Computer	£9,000		£2,000
Operating budget	£27,000 (£1,000/APCo/annum)		£6,000 (£2,000/annum) £30,000 (£1,000/ASCo/annum) sportscotland
Mobile phone	£6,750 (£250x9x3vrs)		£750 (£250x3vrs)
Training	£13,500 (£500/APCo/annum)	£3,000 (£100/ASCo/annum)	£3,000 (£1,000/annum)
travelling expenses	£54,000 (4000 miles x 9x 40x £0.5/APCo/annum)		£7,500
TOTAL	£187,800	£16,500	£116,177

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Furniture	£4,950		
Accommodation	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000
Administrative support	£11,000 £17,479	£11,000 £18,004	£11,000 £18,544
Advertising	£6,000		
Computer	£11,000		
Operating budget	£11,000 £10,000sportscotland	£11,000 £10,000sportscotland	£11,000 £10,000sportscotland
Mobile phone	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500
Training	£6,500	£6,500	£6,500
travelling expenses	£20,500	£20,500	£20,500
TOTAL	£120,929	£99,504	£100,044