

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : 1 APRIL 2003

ACTIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR PROGRAMME

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek the approval of Members to continue with the Active Primary School Co-ordinator Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Active Primary School Co-ordinators work within the primary schools of a learning partnership to improve schools' physical activity programmes.

- 2.2** Opportunities for safe and fun physical activity are provided by active primary co-ordinators through:

- promoting active playgrounds e.g. playground markings, sessions and games trainers.
- identifying areas that need to be promoted, developed and improved e.g. audit of resources, equipment and staff expertise in schools and the community; audit training opportunities and on going support for staff/volunteers.
- creating and co-ordinating a programme of activities for pupils e.g. sports festivals, taster sessions of various sports and activity challenges.
- providing opportunities for extra curricular activities e.g. after school clubs, membership of local clubs.
- promoting active routes to school.
- developing links with parents, school sport co-ordinators, sports development officers and community coaches.

- 2.3** At present East Ayrshire Council has one Active Primary School Sports Co-ordinator. Sportscotland provides the funding for the active primary school co-ordinator.

3. GENERAL COMMENTS

- 3.1** Sportscotland have offered the department funding to provide a second active primary co-ordinator until June 2004.

3.2 From August 2004 the funding strategy for active primary schools co-ordinators will alter. Sportscotland will continue to fund the programme and it is likely that progress will be made until the Council has more active primary school co-ordinators, one for each learning partnership.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The salary cost of active primary school co-ordinators will be met by sportscotland. Other associated incidental costs will be met from existing resources.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members of Committee are invited to:

- i) agree to the acceptance of funding to establish a second active primary school co-ordinator until June 2004; and
- ii) approve the continuation of the active primary school co-ordinator programme as funds are made available from sportscotland.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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