

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 12 NOVEMBER 2002

SCHOOL SPORTS CO-ORDINATORS : NEXT PHASE

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** To advise Members of further developments in the school sports co-ordinator programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At its meeting of 14 May 1998 the Education Sub-Committee approved participation in the school sports co-ordinator programme. Since that approval each secondary school and special schools have had a sports co-ordinator. These staff have been allocated one day per week in each school to carry out their co-ordinator activities. They have a small operational budget of £1000 per annum.
- 2.2** Hitherto the funding for this programme has been shared on a 50:50 basis between East Ayrshire Council and SportScotland.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** The purpose of sports co-ordinators is to stimulate an overall interest in sport and healthy lifestyles among young people. In order to achieve this the co-ordinator works to promote links between primary and secondary schools, and between school-based activities and sport in the community.
- 3.2** To achieve this purpose, a number of activities are provided:
- opportunities for children and young people to participate in sport and physical recreation
 - co-ordination of the efforts of providers of sporting activities and programmes
 - linking physical education programmes with extra-curricular sports activities
 - links with sports and physical recreation activities in clubs and communities
 - links between the PE and sports programme in the secondary school and associated primary schools in the learning partnership

3.3 The role of school sports co-ordinators is supported by the Quality Improvement Team of the Department of Educational and Social Services and the Recreation Section of Leisure Services within the Department of Community Services.

4. PHASE TWO PROGRAMME

4.1 In order to develop the programme additional funding is being provided by SportScotland. This will allow two days per week for each co-ordinator. Their operating budget will be increased to £1500. Additionally, the St Joseph's Academy Cumnock Campus has been allocated a half day per week and an operational budget of £400. This funding is available from August 2002 to July 2003.

4.2 Additionally SportScotland provide £1100 worth of promotional materials

4.3 As a result of this additional funding, there will be the following benefits:

- there will be an increase in the number and range of activities
- levels of participation in sporting activities by children and young people will increase
- the number and range of coaching sessions will increase
- there will be increased involvement of teachers and community coaches in each programme
- the qualifications of programme deliverers should improve
- the level of involvement of community clubs should increase.

4.4 It is a condition of the award of funding that the outcomes identified in paragraph 4.3 will be monitored by SportScotland at the end of the funding period.

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The value of this award to the Department of Educational and Social Services is £82,020, phased from August 2002 to July 2003.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members :

- (i) approve participation in Phase 2 of the sports co-ordinators programme;
and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report

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GRS/GRS
28 October 2002

Members requiring further information should contact Graham Short, Head of Schools, (01563-576089).

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Nil

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AGENDA