

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

### TOP PLAY/TOP SPORTS INITIATIVE

#### Report by Director of Community Services and Director of Educational and Social Services

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise members of a successful funding bid to the Sports Lottery Fund to strategically develop the Top Play/Top Sport Initiative throughout East Ayrshire.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As a result of recent studies showing that obese and overweight children now account for over 15% of the Scottish Youth population, the Sports Lottery Fund have ringfenced £2.8m over four years to introduce a programme that will increase physical activity levels amongst Scotland's Primary School children.
- 2.2 Originally developed by the UK wide charity the Youth Sports Trust, the Top Programme consists of two elements. Top Play introduces young children aged 4 to 9 years to the essential core skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping. Top Sport helps to develop the skills of 7-12 year olds in specific sports. Primary school teachers and community coaches/leaders will be provided with training, resource cards and child friendly, multi-coloured equipment to allow them to deliver the two elements.
- 2.1 The Community Services Department and Educational and Social Services Department have worked in close partnership to develop a strategic bid to this fund in order to roll out the Tops Programme over a four year period across East Ayrshire.
- 2.4 The Sports Lottery Fund approved an award of £65,500 in May ensuring that thousands of children in 50 East Ayrshire Primary and Special schools and designated community sites will be among the first to benefit from the Tops Programme.

## **3 IMPLEMENTING THE TOPS PROGRAMME IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

- 3.1 As part of the bid, which was developed by East Ayrshire Council's Sports Development Officer and the senior Teacher of PE and Expressive Arts, a detailed implementation plan was developed. An outline of the plan is displayed in appendix one of this report. The delivery of Tops will be phased over a four-year period and will focus upon the nine school clusters within East Ayrshire. The corresponding community delivery will be delivered through the well-established Kids Club Network, new after school sessions and local sports clubs.
- 3.2 To date six East Ayrshire Council officers and teachers have attended national Tops Tutor training for school and community delivery. As a result over 70 primary teachers in the Loudoun Valley cluster and Drongan Primary School have received localised training and have implemented the initiative within the associated primary schools.
- 3.3 The initiative will also link directly with the Lottery funded School Co-ordinators. In addition there will be close collaboration with designated community schools, the Healthy Living Centre, CHIP Van Project and the Recreation Partnership Project.

## 4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Whilst the Tops Initiative is fully funded by the Sports Lottery Fund, East Ayrshire Council are providing considerable in kind support in terms of management and administration.

4.2 The breakdown of the Lottery Award is as follows:-

	No of Top Play Bags	No of Top Sport Bags	No of Resource Cards	Training Costs (£)	Value (£)
YEAR 1	34	34	34	2,950.00	20,630.00
YEAR 2 *	30	30	98	2,850.00	19,810.00
YEAR 3 *	36	36	96	3,300.00	23,220.00
YEAR 4 *	0	0	72	400.00	1,840.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>£65,500.00</b>

**NB** \*Year 2 – 4 awards will be made pending a review of previous year

4.3 The submission of a strategic and successful bid to the Sports Lottery Fund has resulted in an innovative project being developed with limited financial impact on East Ayrshire Council.

## 5 LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

## 6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Tops Initiative is directly reflective of East Ayrshire Councils Leisure strategy in terms of aims SD2-1 and SD2-2. These aims relate to the development of formal working partnerships with Educational and Social Services and the implementation of national sporting initiatives within East Ayrshire.

6.2 This initiative also intersects directly with Educational and Social Services Department Physical Education and School Sport Development Strategy. The key themes include increasing fitness levels of primary school pupils, improving the quantity and quality of physical education and the development of strong inter departmental partnership.

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 It can be concluded that the Tops Initiative will add value and systematically improve the quality and range of sporting opportunities currently on offer to 5-12 year olds within the school setting and the wider community.

7.2 The Initiative is an excellent example of partnership working between two Council departments and Sportscotland.

7.3 This successful funding bid will raise the national profile of East Ayrshire Council.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:-

- i) remit to the Directors of Community Services and Educational and Social Services to provide annual progress reports relating to project performance; and
- ii) note the contents of this report.

John Mulgrew  
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11 September 2001

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Application to Sportscotland Lottery Fund
2. East Ayrshire Council Leisure Strategy
3. East Ayrshire Council Physical Education and School Sport Development Strategy

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576721/01563 575650 and ask for Angie Bennett – Sports Development Officer or Ann Hart, Senior Teacher PE and Expressive Arts.

Implementation Officer – Graham Short, Head of Schools

## Appendix 1

### TOPS PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

SECONDARY SCHOOL	CURRICULUM SITES	CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION STAGE/DATE	COMMUNITY SITES	COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION STAGE/DATE
LOUDOUN ACADEMY  AUCHINLECK ACADEMY	CROSSROADS P. S DARVEL P. S FENWICK P. S GALSTON P. S HURLFORD P. S NEWMILNS P. S DRONGAN P.S.	1.1 APRIL 2001	GAV. HAM K.C  DRONGAN K.C	<b>1.1 AUG 2001</b>
AUCHINLECK ACADEMY	AUCHINLECK P. S CATRINE P. S MAUCHLINE P. S MUIRKIRK P. S OCHILTREE P. S SORN P. S	1.2 AUG 2001	AUCHINLECK K.C CATRINE K.C MAUCHLINE K.C MUIRKIRK K.C	1.2 JAN 2002
STEWARTON ACADEMY	DUNLOP P. S KILMARS P. S LAINSHAW P. S N'ROBERTLAND P.S.	1.3 JAN 2002	STEWARTON K.C	<b>1.3 APR 2002</b>
KILMARNOCK ACADEMY	HILLHEAD N. C. S KIRKSTYLE P. S LOANHEAD P. S WITCHHILL SEN	2.1 APR 2002	HUNTER K.C BELLFIELD K.C HUNTER SN GROUP	2.1 AUG 2002
JAMES HAMILTON	NEW FARM P. S ONTHANK P. S PARK SEN SILVERWOOD P. S	2.2 AUG 2002	NEW FARM K.C HUNTER K.C HUNTER SN GROUP	<b>2.2 JAN 2003</b>
CUMNOCK ACADEMY	BARSHARE P. S CAIRNHILL P. S CASTLE P. S GREENMILL P. S HILLSIDE SEN LOGAN P. S NETHERTHIRD P. S	2.3 JAN 2003	NETHERTHIRD K.C NEW CUMNOCK K.C LOGAN K.C	2.3 APR 2003
DOON ACADEMY	BELLSBANK P. S DALMELLINGTON P. S DALRYMPLE P. S LITTLEMILL P. S PATNA P. S	3.1 APR 2003	PATNA K.C  <b>POS. RANKINSTON POS. B'BANK ADV.PLAYGROUND</b>	<b>3.1 SEPT 2003</b>
GRANGE ACADEMY	ANNANHILL P. S BELLFIELD P. S CROSSHOUSE P. S GARGIESTON P. S SHORTLEES P. S WOODSTOCK SEN	3.2 SEPT 2003	HUNTER K.C HUNTER S.N GROUP BELLFIELD K.C	<b>IMPLEMENTED @ STAGE: 2.1</b>
ST JOSEPHS ACADEMY	ST COLUMBA'S P. S ST MATTHEW'S P. S ST SOPHIA'S P. S ST JOHN'S P. S ST PATRICK'S P. S ST XAVIER'S P. S MOUNT CARMEL P. S	3.3 JAN 2004	HUNTER K.C GAV. HAM K.C AUCHINLECK K.C PATNA K.C NEW FARM K.C NETHERTHIRD K.C BELLFIELD K.C	<b>IMPLEMENTED @ STAGES: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1</b>

Please note that the TOP Programme will require Community sites to be established in addition to the Kids Club Network. These could be made up of the following: Local Sports Clubs, After School Clubs (at School site), other children's organisations e.g. Brownies, scouts etc.