

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 2003

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS LEARNING/SCHOOL SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR PROGRAMME (OSHL/SSCP)

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

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the allocation from Sportscotland of additional finance from the New Opportunities Funds to the level of £81,000, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 as part of the Out of School Hours / School Sports Co-ordinator Programmes.

#### 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 one day per week in each secondary and the special schools. Funding was shared between the Council and Sportscotland. As a consequence of this funding, the Authority has achieved the following (data accurate to June 2002):

- Increased the number of pupils taking part in out of schools hours sports participation by 86% (from 3,569 to 6,640)
- Increased the number of coaching sessions by 78% (from 556 to 990)
- Increased the number of teachers running sessions by 64% until June 2002 (from 187 to 307).

- 2.2 Following the success of the programme in the period 1999 to 2002, in August 2002 Sportscotland funded an additional day 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 also allowed some work with primary schools.

- 2.3 Sportscotland are now able to extend the programme further following additional funding from the New Opportunities Fund to the level of £81,000.

#### 3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Programme will now be extended to target disadvantaged pupils and/or those at risk of underachievement or disaffection, as well as pupils who would not normally be expected to participate in physical activities. A range of activities will be developed to support these pupils and these are noted below.

- 3.2 A range of non traditional school activities will be made available to secondary school pupils through the existing School Sports Co-ordinators Programme:

lifesaving, judo, karate, self defence, and adventure activities. Links into local clubs will enable sustainable participation for interested pupils.

**3.3** Lunch time swimming will be available for pupils at Park School.

**3.4** Senior pupils will receive British Sport Trust: Community or Junior Sport Leader training. They will act as Physical Activity Buddies to encourage and support younger pupils to access and participate in physical activity.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **5. FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** Support to this programme is provided within the existing School Sports Co-ordinators and Quality Improvement Team remits. The additional funding of £81,000 is being provided by the New Opportunities Fund through Sportscotland.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** Members of Committee are invited to:

- (i) agree to the continued development of programmes of physical activity for children and young people, and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of this report

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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