

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE	24th March 2011
DIRECTOR	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT	Aberdeen City Council and sportscotland
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/11/013

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to Elected Members details of initiatives funded by **sportscotland** through a proposed four year partnership agreement with Aberdeen City Council, namely the Community Sports Hubs initiative and the Active Schools network delivered through Sport Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee approves the 2011-15 year partnership and investment agreement with **sportscotland**, with the investment of £1,611,372 over five years.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the Active Schools programme and staff is provided jointly by **sportscotland** and Aberdeen City Council. Aberdeen City Council will contribute £681,401.23 over the period of the agreement, with £156,648 in 2011/12, through its funding agreement with Sport Aberdeen towards the Active Schools team. The contributions for Community Sports Hubs require no additional support over the four year period from Aberdeen City Council. The breakdown of investment within the **sportscotland** investment agreement is attached. Elected Members should note that any increments paid by Sport Aberdeen must be managed within the existing Aberdeen City Council funding agreed, and the decision to pay said increments are a decision for Sport Aberdeen as part of staff terms and conditions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Should Committee choose not to approve the **sportscotland**/Aberdeen City Council investment agreement staff within the Active Schools sports team will be at risk of redundancy. In 2010 Active Schools staff transferred under TUPE to Sport Aberdeen.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Background and context

The Scottish Governments 2014 Legacy Plan was published on the 1st September 2009. This plan sets out the key legacy aims and ambitions while also outlining a series of linked initiatives which will be taken forward with key partners over the next ten years.

Improving the nation's health is the overarching theme of the 2014 Legacy plan, and the Active Scotland component of the plans contains two initiatives. Both are aimed at increasing the availability and accessibility of physical activity and sport to individuals and communities that will in turn contribute to improving the health and fitness of people in Scotland. These initiatives are the Active nation and the development of Community Sports Hubs.

5.2 Community Sports Hubs

The Community Sports Hub concept aims to create a new way of working, whereby sports clubs and organisations are brought together and physically based within a specific location. Each named hub will consist of a collection of sports clubs and organisations who are linked through their particular sport, area of interest or geographic location.

Community Sports hubs will be based in local facilities such as sports centres, the natural environment and schools, and will bring local people together as well as providing a home for local clubs and sports organisations. Each hub will also provide information, support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities to make it easier to access a healthier and more active lifestyle.

Hubs work on the following principles:

- Creating a more joined up approach to increasing participation
- Allowing individuals and communities to access the full benefits of sport and encourage sustainability by developing genuine community leadership and engagement
- Accessibility for all people within a local community and encouraging life long participation in sport and physical activity
- Developing a local sporting infrastructure, integrating the local authority, community planning partnerships, regional sporting partnerships, governing bodies and local clubs.

sportscotland has made funding of £53,643 per year available until 2015 to help develop community sports hubs in Aberdeen. City Council officers and **sportscotland** staff have been working with sports partners in the City on a number of proposals which will be agreed by **sportscotland** in March 2011.

5.3 Active Schools

The **sportscotland** partnership agreement sets out the national objectives for the Active Schools network for 2011-15 and how these objectives will be implemented by Aberdeen City Council, Sport Aberdeen and other key partners. The partnership agreement forms the basis for **sportscotland**'s Active Schools investment in Aberdeen City Council and incorporates an agreed staffing allocation and investment profile specific to the local authority. The agreement informs Aberdeen's Active Schools annual action plan, and forms the core of the investment agreement between the two bodies. Aberdeen City Council is responsible ensuring the implementation of the action plan.

The aim of the Active Schools network is to offer all children and young people the opportunity and motivation to adopt active, healthy lifestyles, now and into adulthood. Active Schools Co-ordinators are responsible for developing and supporting an infrastructure for Active Schools within the school and wider community. They do this by recruiting, supporting and sustaining a network of volunteers, coaches, leaders and teachers, who in turn deliver physical activity and sport before, during and after school and in the wider community. The teams stated outcomes are:

'To continue to increase opportunities for all children and young people to be engaged in physical activity and sport' and 'to strengthen pathways to performance through sustainable school to community links'

The Active Schools action plan for 2010-11 is available in the members Library.

5.3.1 Active Schools in Aberdeen highlights

Funding - The Active Schools team has been successful in generating in excess of £55k of additional monies through grant funds and corporate sponsorship in 2010 - 11. These funds have been used to subsidise the projects and initiatives that have been delivered locally in schools and local communities

Recognition - In November 2009, Active Schools Aberdeen was a finalist in the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Healthy Communities Accolades in the outstanding achievements in Sports, Leisure & Culture. In addition the active schools team has made very good progress against the Education, Culture & Sport service plan and also received very positive comments from the recent HMIE inspection in September 2010.

Volunteers - To encourage the physical activity and sport programmes to grow, achieve sustainability and ensure costs to participants remain as low as possible, volunteers have been recruited by the Active Schools team from a variety of backgrounds. (Teachers, Students, Parents, Businesses and Local Community Sports Clubs) Currently there is a database with over 220 active volunteers.

Statistics - Figures are recorded by Active Schools on a termly basis and then collated by **sportscotland**. These figures are then shared with Scottish Government and local authorities. In academic year 2009 – 10, 6318 activity sessions were offered to youngsters within the city and youngsters were given the opportunity to try 22 different types of activity ranging from football to horse riding.

6. IMPACT

This report relates to the Arts, Heritage and Sport strand of the Community Plan, specifically in relation to the Sports, Leisure and recreation vision of developing Aberdeen as an 'Active City'.

The report also links to Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward looking, through Culture, Arts and Sport:

- Increase participation in sport, provide support for athletes and reward excellence
- Recognize the contribution of sport, culture and arts to promote the area as a tourist destination
- Recognize the role of sport and arts in tackling anti-social behaviour

Without the approval to continue the investment programme agreement between sportscotland and Aberdeen City Council the opportunities to deliver targeted sporting opportunities would be seriously undermined.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Active Schools action plans 2010/11
Active Schools Annual Review 2009 -10
Investment and partnership agreements Aberdeen City Council and **sportscotland** 2011/15

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Partnership Agreement

2011-2015

Putting sport first

sportscotland
the national agency for sport

Purpose

The purpose of this Partnership Agreement is to secure commitment between **sportscotland** and Aberdeen City Council to work in partnership for the period, 2011-2015 to deliver shared national and local outcomes aligned to The National Performance Framework, Reaching Higher, **sportscotland's** Corporate Plan, 2011 – 2015 and Aberdeen City Council strategic plan for sport.

Background

sportscotland is committed to working closely with each local authority and associated key partners to achieve shared ambitions in the area of sport and recreation. We are also committed to working through the current financial challenges faced by the public sector to ensure that priority outcomes are achieved.

The information detailed within this Partnership Agreement has resulted from the recent strategic meeting held between **sportscotland** and Aberdeen City Council held on (date) to share local and national strategic priorities and agree the way forward for delivering shared outcomes.

Scope

This Partnership Agreement outlines areas for collaborative working and will clarify resources available in the areas of School and Community Sport, both financial and officer expertise. Full conditions of investment are not included within this agreement but are included within Local Authority annual integrated investment agreements.

Ways of working

As part of this Partnership Agreement all partners are committed to:

- Working together to deliver the national outcomes within Reaching Higher of increasing participation and improving performance across Scottish sport.
- Developing local integrated plans which clarify the specific roles and responsibilities of each partner

- Undertaking monitoring and evaluation procedures
- Providing regular progress reports
- Embedding equality
- A strong and positive culture of partnership working that is open and transparent
- Engaging with and listen to the view of all partners

Priorities and Outcomes

sportscotland Priorities

- Sustainable community sport
- High performance sport system
- Increased demand for sport
- People
- Facilities

Local Priorities based on Fit for the Future

- Promote and increase opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity for everyone in Aberdeen
- Provide a comprehensive and high quality range of sports facilities in Aberdeen
- Maximise the social, educational, health and economic benefits of sport and physical activity in Aberdeen
- Develop and sustain pathways which nurture local, regional and national sporting people to reach their potential
- Raise the profile of sport in Aberdeen

Shared Outcomes

sportscotland School and Community Sport Outcomes

- More opportunities to participate in sport within schools and the wider community
- More people delivering opportunities in sport within schools and the wider community

Local Outcomes

- Continue to increase opportunities for all children and young people to be engaged in physical activity and sport
- Further strengthen pathways to participation and performance through sustainable school to community links

- Increase participation amongst hard to reach groups by adopting a targeted approach. (Target groups as per active schools Annual action plan)

Roles and Responsibilities

sportscotland

sportscotland will provide a dedicated Partnership Manager to:

- Work with local partners to support their planning for sport including the development of strategic and operational plans
- Ensure **sportscotland** integrated investment is aligned to these plans
- Provide national leadership on specific projects and programmes
- Provide a consistent approach to monitoring and evaluation
- Share national practice locally

Additional **sportscotland** staff will provide:

- Expertise in specific areas including facilities development, coaching and volunteering

sportscotland will provide financial investment to maintain the Active Schools staffing network and to support the delivery of Community Sport Hubs.

Local Partners

Local partners will:

- Lead and facilitate strategic planning for sport as part of the wider corporate plans of local authorities
- Ensure a strategic approach to the provision and management of sports facilities
- Monitor and evaluate impact of plans and ongoing implementation
- Develop and support local infrastructure for sport working with all partners
- Resource staffing levels to ensure effective delivery of priorities and outcomes for sport
- Commit current financial resources to maintain the Active Schools staffing network
- Embed the outcomes expressed within the partnership agreement within the Community Planning process as a key tool for the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement
- Ensure a strategic approach to the delivery of sport which delivers the Curriculum for Excellence and 'Aberdeen, a City of Learning'

Authority

This Partnership Agreement is not intended to be legally binding or to create legal rights; nor is the term partnership used in its strict legal sense. An 'Integrated Investment Agreement' will form the contract between partners and will provide more detailed operational arrangements.

Appendices

- Financial Breakdown for School and Community sport
- Facilities Investment Overview

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Partnership Agreement April 2011 – March 2015

We agree and accept this partnership agreement

Between: **sportscotland**

Doges, Templeton on the Green, 62 Templeton Street, Glasgow, G40 1DA

And: Aberdeen City Council

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Appendix 1 Financial Breakdown for School and Community Sport

Local Authority:	Aberdeen City Council
Investment Period:	01 April 2011- 31 March 2015
Investment Allocated:	£1,611,372
Active Schools Staffing:	1 ASM, 10 ASC, 1 ASC (ASN)

sportscotland Corporate Plan Priority Area	2011-12 sportscotland Investment	2011-12 Local Authority Investment	2012-13 sportscotland Investment	2012-13 Local Authority Investment	2013-14 sportscotland Investment	2013-14 Local Authority Investment	2014-15 sportscotland Investment	2014-15 Local Authority Investment
ACTIVE SCHOOLS								
Active Schools Manager	£ 30,000.00	£ 18,518.00	£ 30,000.00	£ 19,537.89	£ 30,000.00	£ 20,330.49	£ 30,000.00	£ 20,833.80
Active School Coordinator ASN	£ 30,000.00	£ 7,061.43	£ 30,000.00	£ 7,839.72	£ 30,000.00	£ 8,445.16	£ 30,000.00	£ 8,829.61
Active School Coordinator - Full time	£ 271,200.00	£ 91,711.38	£ 271,200.00	£ 104,006.84	£ 271,200.00	£ 105,358.72	£ 271,200.00	£ 109,124.31
Active School Coordinator - Support Assistant	£ -	£ 22,357.98	£ -	£ 22,827.49	£ -	£ 23,192.73	£ -	£ 23,424.66
TOTAL ACTIVE SCHOOLS STAFFING COSTS	£ 331,200.00	£ 139,648.79	£ 331,200.00	£ 154,211.94	£ 331,200.00	£ 157,327.10	£ 331,200.00	£ 162,212.38
Active Schools Operational Budget	£ 18,000.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 8,000.00
Active Schools Travel Costs	£ -	£ 9,000.00	£ -	£ 9,000.00	£ -	£ 9,000.00	£ -	£ 9,000.00
TOTAL ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME COSTS	£ 18,000.00	£ 17,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 17,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 17,000.00	£ 18,000.00	£ 17,000.00
TOTAL ACTIVE SCHOOLS	£ 349,200.00	£ 156,648.79	£ 349,200.00	£ 171,211.94	£ 349,200.00	£ 174,327.10	£ 349,200.00	£ 179,212.38
COMMUNITY SPORT HUBS	£ 53,643.00	£ -	£ 53,643.00	£ -	£ 53,643.00	£ -	£ 53,643.00	£ -
TOTAL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SPORT	£ 402,843.00	£ 156,648.79	£ 402,843.00	£ 171,211.94	£ 402,843.00	£ 174,327.10	£ 402,843.00	£ 179,212.38