

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE | Education, Culture and Sport |
| DATE | 16 September 2010 |
| DIRECTOR | Stewart Carruth |
| TITLE OF REPORT | Review of Sports Working Groups |
| REPORT NUMBER: | CG/10/146 |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

In the light of the recent transfer of Aberdeen City Council's sports facilities to Sport Aberdeen, it is suggested that there is no longer a need for meetings of either the Sports Strategy Working Group or the Sports Trust Project Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) that Committee agree to disband both Groups with immediate effect; and
- (ii) that Committee agree to thank officers and Elected Members for their significant contributions to the work of both the Sports Strategy Working Group and the Sports Trust Working Group (formerly Project Board).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as this report is of a housekeeping nature.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no Service impact due to the move of the Council's sports services to a trust. Although the report recommends that the two working groups are disbanded, the Culture and Leisure Trust Shareholder Monitoring Working Group will continue to meet to scrutinise, monitor and challenge all culture or sports trusts financed by the Council to provide leisure and cultural services to ensure best value in relation to the expenditure of public money.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications other than those covered above.

6. REPORT

At its meeting on 17th January, 2005, the Education and Leisure Committee had requested that a Sports Strategy Working Group be established to bring together all sports and recreation related reviews which were being undertaken within the Council. Further to this decision, at its meeting on 24th April, 2007, the Committee agreed that sports services in Aberdeen should be transferred to a trust, subject to further feasibility work. As a result, Council took the decision at its meeting on 13th February, 2008, to establish a Project Board to take the proposal forward.

At its meeting on 27th August, 2009, the Education, Culture and Sport Committee agreed to rename the Project Board as the Sports Trust Working Group as a result of the August 2009 committee restructure and the subsequent review of sub-committees and working groups. As part of this decision, the Committee also agreed that the Sports Strategy Working Group should continue for one more meeting only, and that the Sports Trust Working Group should meet until the sports facilities had transferred.

The Sports Strategy Working Group is chaired by Councillor Jennifer Stewart with the other members being Councillors Collie, May, Milne, Penny, John Stewart and Kirsty West. It should be noted that the Working Group is currently in abeyance, with the last meeting held on 17th June, 2009.

The membership of the Sports Trust Working Group comprises Councillor Jennifer Stewart (Chairperson), and Councillors Boulton, May, Milne, John Stewart, Kirsty West and Young, and the last meeting of this Group was held on 22nd September, 2009.

Following ongoing work and discussion over several months at the Sports Trust Project Board / Working Group, Aberdeen City Council's sports facilities formally transferred to Sport Aberdeen on 9th July, 2010. In light of this, the Education, Culture and Sport Committee decision of 27th August, 2009, listed above, and the fact that both Groups have fulfilled their objectives, it is therefore recommended that there is no longer a need for either the Sports Strategy Working Group or the Sports Trust Working Group to continue.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.