



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
21 NOVEMBER 2018**

SUBJECT: ACTIVE SCHOOLS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION & SOCIAL
CARE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to note the progress of Active Schools and Sports Development in Moray during the last academic year and to approve the extension of this Service for a further year in partnership with sportscotland.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (15) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the Council's statutory powers to support activities related to the development of recreation, sport, culture and heritage.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:-

- (i) scrutinises and notes the progress of Active Schools and Sports Development in Moray during the 2017-18 academic year; and**
- (ii) approves the extension of the Active Schools and Community Sports Hub programmes from existing budget for a further one year period from 1 April 2019 in partnership with sportscotland at a cost of £130,000, with the potential of continuing this partnership on an annual basis up to 31 March 2023.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Children and Young People's Services Committee on 22 June 2016, the Committee agreed the Physical Activity, Sport & Health Strategy 2016-2023 (para 7 of the minute refers).
- 3.2 Both Active Schools and Sports Development contribute to the implementation of this strategy as well as sportscotland's National Corporate Plan. Moray Council have signed an investment agreement with sportscotland to work in partnership until 31 March 2019, to deliver shared national and local outcomes. sportscotland are keen to establish another

investment agreement with Moray Council from 1 April 2019 on an annual basis with the potential for this agreement to continue for a 4yr period up to 31 March 2023.

- 3.3 The current Active Schools (A.S) and Sports Development (S.D) team comprises of 1 FTE A.S and S.D Manager, 9.3 FTE A.S Co-ordinators, 0.8 FTE Community Sports Hub Officer, 0.8 FTE Macmillan Move More Development Officer and a pool of 29 Sports Coaches and Assistants on zero hour contracts.
- 3.4 A copy of the Active Schools Annual Report for 2017/18 is contained in **Appendix 1** of this report. A summary of the main highlights are as follows;
- 92,994 'visits' from pupils to Active Schools programme across the academic year (excluding School Sport Competition programme)
 - 4,207 distinct participants within the programme which equates to 35% of the total school roll (excluding School Sport Competition programme)
 - Of the 4,207 distinct participants, 1,133 could access free school meals, 24 resided in an SIMD decile 2 area, 406 had an additional support need and 613 had a recorded disability (excluding School Sport Competition programme)
 - 454 volunteers delivered Active Schools sessions/events Moray wide
 - 78 sports clubs in Moray have links with Primary and Secondary Schools
- 3.5 The Macmillan Move More programme in Moray is now into its final year of funding. This programme is funded by Macmillan and aims to encourage people affected by cancer to participate in physical activity. Extensive research has shown that being active both during and after treatment is both safe and highly beneficial. Over the past year, the main developments of this programme include the following;
- 49 people affected by cancer have been referred to the service over the past year. Nine 12 week blocks of circuit classes were delivered throughout the year in Elgin and Buckie which is more than double the intended target of blocks.
 - A regular Gentle Movement class is delivered weekly at The Oaks delivered by trained volunteers and a partnership has been developed with REAP (Rural Environmental Action Project) in relation to therapeutic gardening at Maryhill Medical Practice.
 - Approximately 12 volunteers have received a variety of training to help support the Moray Move More programme, with one of the local Health Walks in Elgin now being classified as a Macmillan Friendly Health Walk.
 - Raising the profile of this programme is still a priority in Moray as over 2,000 people have been diagnosed with cancer within the past year (does not include those diagnosed more than a year ago). The people that have attended the programme have highlighted how beneficial it has been to them physically, socially and mentally.
- 3.6 There are now 6 Community Sports Hubs operating across Moray in Forres, Hopeman, Lossiemouth, Elgin, Buckie and Keith. This programme is funded by sportscotland and aims to bring together sports clubs and key local partners who want to develop and grow the sports offered in the community. Over the past year, the main developments of this programme have included;

- Monthly Hub meetings take place that are attended by 8 clubs on average.
- A variety of training and education courses have been organised through the Hubs and all of these costs have been covered through the Hub budget supporting all our sports volunteers.
- A Grampian Sports Hub event took place in Huntly for sports clubs/hubs to share best practice across the region.
- The Hubs are managing the Go Live Get Active funding for Moray which will support the development of new clubs and volunteers in Goalball, Disability Sport, Jog Scotland and Mountain Biking.
- A Sport in Moray website (www.sportinmoray.co.uk) is used extensively by Clubs/Hubs to promote their clubs and events.

3.7 sportsotland have been part funding the Active Schools (including the School Sport Competition) and Community Sports Hub programmes since their inception. A breakdown of the Moray Council and sportsotland contributions to these programmes over recent years is contained in **Appendix 2**.

3.8 The sportsotland Board have agreed to in principle investment to support the employment of Active School Managers and Co-ordinators (except for the School Sport Competition Co-ordinator) and Community Sports Hub Officers for the period 2019-2023 and to a new four year partnership with Local Authorities. sportsotland have already intimated that the School Sport Competition Co-ordinator post will not be funded within the next four year partnership as there have been varying degrees of success of this post across Scotland. Although a partnership agreement for a 4 year period has been intimated the financial agreement between sportsotland and Moray Council would only be established on an annual basis.

3.9 This agreement in principle is subject to Moray Council sustaining their financial contribution towards these programmes. Any reduction in Moray Council contribution would result in a reduction of sportsotland contribution which would result in a reduction in staffing within the Active Schools and Sports Development team. sportsotland's Board are set to meet in December to confirm the exact financial commitment to Local Authorities. If these figures differ from previous contributions then a further Committee report will be tabled to this Committee in early 2019.

4 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

In relation to the LOIP, this supports the healthier children focus within the Moray priority to build a better future for our children and young people in Moray. It also supports the development of stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities within the Moray priority for empowering and connecting communities.

In relation to the Corporate Plan, this report contributes to ensuring more of our activities, services and plans are influenced by the communities they service, an improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing and ensure caring and healthy communities.

(b) Policy and Legal

Improving the health and wellbeing of the Moray community through sport, leisure and recreation is not only an integral part of the local vision, but it is also a national priority. In particular, the report aims to fulfil the aspirations of everyone having the opportunity to get involved and participate in sport and stay involved throughout their life, as identified as a key objective in sportscotland's Corporate Plan 2015-19 'Raising the Bar'. The report also links to the Scottish Government's Active Scotland Outcomes Framework where the vision is of a Scotland where more people are more active, more often.

(c) Financial implications

To retain the existing Active Schools (except for the School Sport Competition post) and Community Sports Hub staff/service Moray Council would require to contribute £130,000 annually. Sportscotland have contributed £246,720 towards Active Schools annually and have agreed in principle to support these programmes in the future.

Over and above this in 2017/18 sportscotland contributed £24,430 towards the Community Sports Hubs programme and have agreed in principle to support this programme in the future. Moray Council have contributed in-kind costs towards the Community Sports Hub programme annually through line management, computer and phone provision, office space etc.

This report is consistent with the Service savings and service budgets submitted as part of the departmental savings.

(d) Risk Implications

If Moray Council does not contribute financially to this service then the risks would include sportscotland withdrawing all their financial contribution to the service which would result in no Active Schools or Sports Development service operating in Moray. The only post that would remain if this were the case would be the Macmillan Move More Development Officer as this is externally funded by Macmillan. The only Sport and Leisure provision then delivered by the Council would be through the provision of Sports Facilities (swimming pools, fitness rooms etc.).

Local volunteer community sports clubs and physical activity groups in Moray would also be negatively impacted as there would no longer be a support mechanism for these clubs to develop and be sustained long term, therefore the health of our community would suffer.

The Physical Activity, Sport and Health Strategy for Moray would no longer be implemented as the Active Schools and Sports Development Team are the key drivers of this partnership strategy.

sportscotland cannot confirm their level of financial contribution for these programmes to Moray until December, however, they have agreed in principle to continue their support. If their financial contribution differs from previous years then a further report will be tabled at Children and Young People's Committee in early 2019.

(e) Staffing Implications

If Moray Council do not contribute financially to this service then the staffing implications would result in the loss of the 1 FTE Active Schools and Sports Development Managers post, all 9.3FTE Active Schools Co-ordinators posts and the 0.8 FTE Community Sports Hub Officer post and all 29 Sports Coaches and Assistants (zero hour contracts).

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising directly from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

A number of Active Schools and Community Sports Hub projects target protected groups such as the disabled and also individuals residing in socially deprived areas to ensure they receive opportunities to be physically active. The ceasing of these programmes would result in reduced opportunities for these protected groups which would have a negative effect on reducing health inequalities.

(h) Consultations

In preparing this report, consultation has been undertaken with the Educational Resources Manager, Ian McGregor (Partnership Manager for sportscotland), Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), Paul Connor (Principal Accountant), Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, HR adviser, and Tracey Sutherland (Committee Services Officer) whose comments have been incorporated into the report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 That the Committee notes and scrutinises the progress of Active Schools and Sports Development in Moray during the 2017-18 academic year and approves the extension of the Active Schools and Community Sports Hub programmes from existing budget for a further one year period from 1 April 2019 in partnership with sportscotland at a cost of £130,000 with the potential of continuing this partnership on an annual basis up to 31 March 2023.**

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Background Papers:

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