

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM No. 11

To: Education Resources Sub-Committee	Subject:  Sports Facilities at Dalziel Park
From: Director of Education	
Date: August 2006	
Ref: MM/IS/MB	

**Summary**

This report recommends an extension of the existing formal user agreement for the use of the sports facilities at Dalziel Park for an additional period of 9 years.

**Recommendations**

The education resources sub-committee is recommended to:

- (i) approve the extension of the formal user agreement between the education authority and the Dalziel High School Sports Management Limited for the use of the sports facilities at Dalziel Park
- (ii) request the director of administration to complete the formal signing on completion of negotiations.



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# NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## SPORTS FACILITIES AT DALZIEL PARK

### Report by the Director of Education

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 In 1977, a formal 9 year user agreement was concluded by Strathclyde Region for the use of the sports facilities at Dalziel Park. This arrangement was established because Dalziel High School has no outdoor physical education facilities on the campus.
- 1.2 The agreement was renegotiated in 1986, again for a 9 year period. From 1995 the agreement continued on the basis of the existing contract, with payments made annually. In April 2000, the education resources sub committee approved a further extension to the agreement.
- 1.3 The annual charges since 1977 have been as follows:
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| 1977 – 1986 | £7,000 per year  |
| 1986 – 1989 | £17,000 per year |
| 1989 – 1992 | £20,000 per year |
| 1992 – 1995 | £24,000 per year |
| 1995 – 1998 | £24,000 per year |
| 1998 – 2001 | £24,000 per year |
| 2001 – 2004 | £25,751 per year |
| 2004 – 2007 | £27,653 per year |
- 1.4 The current agreement expires in March 2007 and it is proposed that the council negotiates a further extension to this agreement for an additional 9 years.

#### 2. Proposed Agreement

- 2.1 The main features of the agreement is proposed as follows:
- a long term arrangement with an initial annual cost of £32,800 for the use of the facilities
  - the facilities to be available to Dalziel High School pupils for school week curricular and Saturday morning/evening extra-curricular activities
  - the facilities to be freely available to all other North Lanarkshire primary and secondary pupils at the end of the school day and on Saturday mornings for athletic events and sports development activities
  - the facilities to be maintained in good condition at no expense to the council
  - the Dalziel Sports Management be liable for buildings and public liability insurance for the facilities

- 2.2 The annual sum is calculated at the end of each year by the retail price average index inflation figure. It is proposed that the initial annual charges for the period April 2007 – March 2010 be increased to £32,800 to reflect both inflation and the higher level of use by the facility for authority events.
- 2.3 Legal services are currently in negotiations with Dalziel Sports Management Ltd on the extension of this agreement and it is expected that these negotiations will be completed in the near future.

### **3. Recommendations**

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