
Report to Education, Sport and Leisure Committee

Date of Meeting: 20 June 2013

Subject: Community Sport Hubs in Clackmannanshire

Report by: Head of Education

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee with information about the national Community Sport Hub initiative which is being rolled out in Clackmannanshire and the opportunities that this provides for sports clubs and for residents.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee note and comment on the Community Sport Hub initiative in Clackmannanshire.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The Community Sport Hub is a national initiative funded by sportscotland to increase participation in sport and physical activity with the following principles;
- Grow participation
 - Engage the Community
 - Encourage community leadership
 - Offer a range of sporting opportunities
 - Bring all appropriate partners/ groups/ people together

- 3.2. The Community Sport Hub initiative was launched nationally in 2010 by Sportscotland and exists in various formats across all 32 local authorities, approximately 60% are based in secondary schools. The initiative has been designed to challenge current behaviour and practice for the benefit of groups/clubs and individuals delivering sport. Sportscotland are supporting each local authority with funding, networking and sharing of ideas to meet the following outcomes;
- new ways of working
 - different thinking
 - community leadership
 - cultural change in sport
 - change face of Sports Development
- 3.3. In 2012 Clackmannanshire Council signed an agreement with Sportscotland to focus the Community Sport Hub resource on the three secondary schools. The initiative started in Clackmannanshire on January 2013 and will continue until March 2015. A part-time principal officer has been appointed to drive the aims of this initiative.
- 3.4. The principal officer Community Sport Hub is currently located in Lornshill Academy. In November 2012 Lornshill Academy's PE department changed to a Faculty of PE, Sport and Physical Activity. This change in school approach fits well with the aspirations of the Community Sport Hub. The Community Sport Hub will be extended to Alva Academy and Alloa Academy.
- 3.5. There is a well established and robust close working relationship between Active Schools, Primary PE, and Sports Development and together they will help achieve the outcomes of the Community Sport Hub. The Community Sport Hub has already acted as a catalyst to make stronger links between Facility Management, and the Hub members.
- 3.6. Existing users of Lornshill Academy have met several times under the facilitation of the principal officer Community Sport Hub and have formed a User Forum.
- 3.7. The principal officer Community Sport Hub will assist and guide the User Forum to;
- a sense of belonging for the user groups
 - developing coaches and volunteers
 - creating leadership opportunities
 - stronger school to club links
 - access to facilities
 - funding opportunities - other than Community Sport Hub

- 3.8 There is an operational budget attached to the Community Sport Hub initiative and it is driven by the needs of the User Forum. The operational budget will be used to create a brand for the Community Sport Hub marketing and promotion, equipment to support existing and new clubs/sports.
- 3.9 Pulling the user groups together and having the principal officer Community Sport Hub based at the school is proving to be successful.
- 3.10 Accountability for the funding is monitored by the Sportscotland partnership manager who sits on the steering group. There is a formal reporting system in place, led by Sportscotland.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no sustainability implications

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

- 5.2. The funding is being used to increase the quality, quantity and range of activities accessible by local residents.
- 5.3. Funding of £150,000 from Sportscotland over next 3 years.
- 5.4. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes
- 5.5. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes
- 5.6. Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses
- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
- People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment

- Our communities are safer
- Vulnerable people and families are supported
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing
- The environment is protected and enhanced for all
- The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
 Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 none

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)
 Yes (please list the documents below) No

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