

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Lifelong Learning Committee - 29 May 2013****PERTH & KINROSS ACCREDITED CLUB EXCELLENCE SCHEME
(PACES) UPDATE****Report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides an update on progress in implementing the Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme (PACES) following a review of the initiative and recommendations made to the Lifelong Learning Committee in March 2012.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 PACES was approved by Lifelong Learning Committee on 7 January 2009 (Report No 09/11 refers). The initial report proposing the establishment of the PACES scheme highlighted the important role that sports clubs play in increasing participation and improving the quality of sport and recreational opportunities for the benefit of local communities across Perth and Kinross. The initiative was introduced with the objective of formalising the support offered to voluntary sports clubs and to provide a publicly recognisable quality assurance framework.
- 1.2 PACES provides a set of standards that can be recognised by parents, teachers, the general public, facility managers and operators, raising the profile of local clubs and recognising the hard work delivered by their volunteers. Particular attention has been given to the importance of the club accreditation scheme in safeguarding and protecting children participating in sport.
- 1.3 Following a review of the scheme early in 2010 a number of suggested improvements were identified and tabled for the consideration at the Lifelong Learning Committee in August 2010. These recommended improvements were subsequently approved (Report No 10/422 refers) and it was agreed at that time to provide a follow up report for consideration by Committee in Spring 2012.
- 1.4 A report was brought to the Lifelong Learning Committee in March 2012 (Report No 12/123 refers) giving an update of progress and recommending a programme of work to improve access arrangements for PACES clubs to school sport facilities across Perth and Kinross. These recommendations were subsequently approved and it was agreed at that time to provide a follow up report in Spring 2013.

2. PROGRESS FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 – Recommendation

Committee instructs the Executive Director (Education and Children’s Services) to bring back an updated report in 12 months time.

Since the last update to the Lifelong Learning Committee 12 months ago, a further 28 clubs have become PACES accredited. This takes the total number to 68; a 70% increase over the past year. Feedback from existing and new clubs is continuing to highlight the value clubs see in the scheme, with a significant number citing the continuing development work being carried out through the Sports Development Team following accreditation as the main benefit to their organisation.

By far the biggest increase in accredited clubs has come at Foundation Level, with a further 26 clubs achieving this level. Feedback from Sports Development Officers working with PACES has shown that the scheme is extremely beneficial when first working with Clubs and PACES has proved to be an effective community engagement tool helping develop relationships with local volunteers. Club policies and procedures are easily reviewed through the scheme at Foundation Level, before moving through the more developmental levels of the framework.

2.2 – Recommendation

The Committee agrees to a programme of work which will further improve access arrangements for PACES clubs to school sports facilities across Perth and Kinross

PACES accreditation is now recognised in Let forms for both Community Campus facilities managed through Live Active Leisure and the corporate booking system. This continues to be a major factor in clubs seeking accreditation.

Since the initial report recommending higher priority be given to PACES accredited clubs for lets (Report No 10/422 refers), a pilot piece of work has been carried out at Perth High School in conjunction with the bookings team to relocate a number of traditional football lets to the new 3G synthetic turf pitch. This has allowed for 5 PACES accredited clubs specialising in the indoor sports of Netball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball to use the facility. The Corporate Bookings Team and Sports Development staff have worked together to ensure a smooth transition of lets. There has been no negative feedback from the relocation of traditional lets.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The implementation, review and continued monitoring and evaluation of the PACES scheme has proved to have been beneficial to sports clubs over the past 4 years. Clubs continue to highlight the scheme as a key driver in reviewing and implementing proper procedures and sound governance. Clubs

also report that there are developmental benefits in moving through the stages of the scheme from Foundation, through Community, to Development level. 68 clubs are now accredited on the scheme.

In addition, PACES has been instrumental for a number of clubs in securing lets in ECS and LAL managed facilities over the past 12 months. This has enabled a growth in participation in several indoor sports.

Sport in Perth and Kinross continues to be based firmly in the voluntary sector with a huge number of people giving up time to run clubs and provide opportunities. PACES provides those volunteers with a framework for improving their club and a clear framework of support provided by Sports Development Officers to ensure it is run in a safe and secure manner. PACES has also proved to be an excellent tool for the Sports Development Officers to engage with clubs and develop relationships with local volunteers.

3.2 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Notes the progress made since the update report of March 2012;
- (ii) Agrees to continued implementation of the PACES scheme;
- (iii) Agrees to extend a programme of work which will further improve access arrangements for PACES clubs to school sports facilities across Perth and Kinross; specifically at Perth Academy and Perth Grammar School. This will require local consideration and consultation with existing historical lets; and
- (iv) Agrees that future updates on PACES will be reported through the Sport and Active Recreation performance management framework

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The undernoted table should be completed for all reports. Where the answer is 'yes', the relevant section(s) should also be completed

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	Yes
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The total membership of Clubs affiliated to the Sports Council is an indicator contributing to the number of people participating in Sport and Active Recreation activities indicator in the SOA. PACES accredited clubs see an increase in membership as a result of the scheme which has a beneficial impact on the SOA indicator.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-2023 and Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2013/2018 set out five strategic objectives:
- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
 - (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
 - (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
 - (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
 - (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to objective nos (iv).

6.2 The report also links to the Education & Children's Services Policy Framework in respect of the following key policy area:

- Learning: Developing Communities

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 None

Workforce

2.2 PACES is a core tool for Sports Development Officers and as such any increase in PACES accredited clubs will increase officer workload. Primarily this will be through annual monitoring. This increase in work can be covered through the existing workforce.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 *None*

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as **relevant** and actions taken to reduce or remove the following negative impacts:
 - PACES will be promoted in ways which ensure equality of access, including where appropriate the use of community languages and alternative formats of information.
 - The progress of PACES Accredited Clubs will be monitored to ensure development and equity.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

The proposals have been considered under the Act and no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.

No actions are necessary

Legal and Governance

- 3.4 No additional legal issues have been identified in this updated report. The proposals to support the scheme were previously approved by committee in 2009.

Risk

- 3.5 No significant risks have been identified as part of this update report. The implementation of PACES will continued to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Sport and Active Recreation Management Team.

External

- 4.2 PACES Clubs.

5. Communication

- 5.1 N/A

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – PACES Clubs – April 2013

PACES Clubs - April 2013

Appendix 1

Name of Club	Level	Sport	Geographical Area
Aberfeldy Golf Club	Foundation	Golf	Highland
Auchterarder Gymnastics Club	Foundation	Gymnastics	Auchterarder
Bankfoot Athletic Junior Football Club	Foundation	Football	Perth
Blairgowrie Bolts	Foundation	Netball	Blairgowrie
Blairgowrie Golf Club	Community	Golf	Blairgowrie
Blairgowrie Rams	Foundation	Rugby	Blairgowrie
Blairgowrie Tennis Club	Development	Tennis	Blairgowrie
Breadalbane Canoe Club	Development	Canoeing	Highland
Breadalbane Community Football Club	Development	Football	Highland
Bridge of Earn Netball Club	Foundation	Netball	Perth
Bridge of Earn Tennis Club	Foundation	Tennis	Perth
Carse Canoe Club	Foundation	Canoeing	Perth
Creiff Badminton Club	Foundation	Badminton	Creiff
Creiff & Strathearn Rugby Club	Foundation	Rugby	Auchterarder & Strathearn
Creiff Juniors	Community	Football	Creiff
Darnhall Tennis Club	Community	Tennis	Perth
Dunning Golf Club	Development	Golf	Creiff
Easterton Equine Activities Club	Foundation	Riding	Creiff
Faircity Amateur Boxing Club	Foundation	Boxing	Perth
Jeanfield Swifts	Development	Football	Perth
Kinross Badminton Club	Foundation	Badminton	Kinross-shire
Kinross Colts	Foundation	Football	Kinross-shire
Kinross Cricket Club	Foundation	Cricket	Kinross-shire
Kinross Ladies Hockey Club	Foundation	Hockey	Kinross-shire
Kinross Tennis Club	Foundation	Tennis	Kinross
Kinross United AFC	Foundation	Football	Kinross-shire
Kinross Volleyball Club	Foundation	Volleyball	Kinross-shire
Letham Community Sports Club	Development	Football	Perth
Letham Football Club	Community	Football	Perth
Lisa Jackson School of Dance	Foundation	Dance	Perth
Loch Leven Diamonds	Foundation	Baton Twirlers	Kinross-shire
Luncarty Football Club	Foundation	Football	Perth
Methven Tennis Club	Foundation	Tennis	Perth
Muthill Bowling Club	Foundation	Bowling	Creiff
Orwell Bowling	Foundation	Bowling	Kinross-shire
Perth Archery Club	Foundation	Archery	Perth
Perth City Swim Club	Development	Swimming	Perth
Perth Dolphins	Foundation	Swimming	Perth
Perth Doo'cat Cricket Club	Foundation	Cricket	Perth

Perth Gymnastics Club	Community	Gymnastics	Perth
Perth Ladies Netball League	Foundation	Netball	Perth
Perth Netball Development Club	Foundation	Netball	Perth
Perth Phoenix Basketball Club	Foundation	Basketball	Perth
Perth Pumas Netball Club	Foundation	Netball	Perth
Perth Railway Amateur Boxing Club	Foundation	Boxing	Perth
Perth Shotakan karate Club	Foundation	Karate	Perth
Perth Strathearn Cricket Club	Foundation	Cricket	Perth
Perth Strathtay Harriers	Development	Athletics	Perth
Perth Swim Club	Development	Swimming	Perth
Perth Tay Titans	Community	Cycling	Perth
Perth Tennis Club	Development	Tennis	Perth
Perth Tora Kai Karate Club	Foundation	Karate	Perth
Perthshire Hockey Club	Foundation	Hockey	Perth
Perthshire Rugby Club	Development	Rugby	Perth
Pitfour Football Club	Community	Football	Perth
Pitlochry Golf Club	Foundation	Golf	Highland
Saints Table Tennis Club	Foundation	Table Tennis	Perth
Sakura Judo Club	Foundation	Martial Arts	Perth
Scone Community Sports Club	Community	Football	Perth
Scone Tennis Club	Development	Tennis	Perth
SKI Karate	Community	Karate	Perth
SLS Baton Twirlers	Foundation	Baton Twirlers	Perth
Stingrays Swimming	Foundation	Swimming	Crieff
Strathearn Harriers	Foundation	Athletics	Crieff
Tora Kai Karate	Foundation	Martial Arts	Perth
Turleum Twirlsters	Foundation	Baton Twirlers	Crieff
Pitlochry Weightlifting Club	Foundation	Weightlifting	Highland
Perth Triathlon Club	Foundation	Triathlon	Perth