

BEDFORD SPORT ACTION PLAN 2006 / 2007 (Financial year)

INTRODUCTION

Following the formation of a new inclusive Bedford Community Sports Network (Bedford Sport) the group would like to focus on a number of key areas for the first 12 month period. The group agreed that it was essential they were clear about a limited number of key actions that were achievable and beneficial to the wider community whilst at the same time built on specific work areas that were already being successfully implemented via the existing Bedford local Sports Council.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN

In order to do this the group wanted to put in place a simple, clear and concise action plan based on existing work areas but also related directly to the priorities that have already been identified via the extensive research and consultation for the “Borough Community Plan 2004 – 2010”. The Community Plan has been coordinated by the Bedford Partnership Board (the Local Strategic partnership for the borough) which has brought together representatives from the statutory, voluntary and business sectors in order to produce a long term vision for the borough and its diverse community.

KEY THEMES FOR ACTION

The over arching aim of the Community Plan is “Working together to improve health and well being” an aim that clearly fits directly into the aims of the new Bedford Sport. The Community plan includes a number of key themes (**Community Safety - Improving Health - Promoting Leisure - Including Everyone**) that BS can help deliver and the group have agreed that to help ensure the “golden thread” of continuity remains and to ensure that there is a delivery mechanism for key elements of the community plan; they will align their action plan to this core document.

Members were also aware that initial delivery plan should link into the areas for action identified in the funding application submitted to Sport England. The members of BS have therefore targeted five key areas for delivery over the initial 12 months. The action plan will be reviewed during and after this period (with a wider consultation group) and developed according to members input, the involvement of local partners and consultation.

1. **Grants / Project Advice**
2. **Promotion of Local Sport**
3. **Support of Volunteers**
4. **Increase Opportunities for Participation**
5. **Establish CSN**

AREA	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME	MEASUREMENT	KEY PARTNERS	POTENTIAL RESOURCES
<p>1.GRANTS/ PROJECT ADVICE</p> <p>Grant Giving</p>	<p>To create a high profile, focal point for those individuals requesting funding as talented individuals, sports coaches/officials and disadvantaged sports people. (Advertising / website / promotion)</p>	<p>A wider range of individuals are supported and able to develop in their chosen sport.</p>	<p>Number of requests Number of grants given Range of grants supported Amount of Funding</p>	<p>DMU / Bedford College Bedford BC All</p>	<p>BLSC Bedford BC DMU BS</p>
<p>Grant/Project Advice and support</p>	<p>The development of grants surgeries / web sites/ resource leaflets that offer clear and current advice on Obtaining funding from other sources to local groups / individuals</p>	<p>Local organisations become more successful at obtaining external funding and deliver increased opportunities to local community</p>	<p>Number of applications supported Number of applications submitted Amount of funding obtained</p>	<p>DMU Youth Services Schools</p>	<p>BLSC Bedford BC DMU</p>
<p>Lobby Support</p>	<p>To offer a pool of expert advice/support to local projects that meet the aims of BS through lobbying on appropriate boards / bodies and / or offering BS “project windows” for groups to receive advice in.</p>	<p>Groups obtain full support for local initiatives that aid the aims and objectives of BS Olympics / Rowing Lake / School facilities</p>	<p>Number of presentations Number of lobbies Success of lobbies</p>	<p>(All)as per expertise</p>	<p>Limited required</p>

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<p>2.RECOGNITION & PROMOTION OF LOCAL SPORT</p>					
<p>Sports Awards ceremony</p>	<p>To run a high profile annual Sports Awards evening in December that recognises the contribution of local sports people/ volunteers /clubs /schools</p>	<p>The local profile of sport, its contribution and importance to the community is recognised</p>	<p>Number of nominees Number of guests Feedback forms</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>BLSC Bedford BC DSD Sponsors</p>
<p>Support the organisation & development of European club links</p>	<p>To contribute towards the organisation of a town twinning sports festival and investigate other possibilities for club / school exchanges</p>	<p>Local sportspeople are involved in cultural sporting exchanges that expand the opportunities to participate within the community</p>	<p>Number involved Clubs participating</p>	<p>Schools Clubs</p>	<p>Bedford BC Schools Clubs DMU Bedford College</p>
<p>Increase awareness of website importance for local sports clubs</p>	<p>To organise advice / workshops on setting up websites for sports clubs</p>	<p>There is an increase in the quality and quantity of information available to access for the community</p>	<p>Number attending workshops Number of new sites set up</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Bedford BC Schools Clubs DMU Bedford College</p>
<p>3.SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS</p>					
<p>Step into Sport initiative</p>	<p>To support and promote the SIS project via local networks and to identify three member clubs to act as hosts for the initial group of volunteers</p>	<p>Members of BS embrace the SIS scheme and develop a recognised system for training and retaining young volunteers</p>	<p>Number of new volunteers Number of clubs involved</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>BS Bedford BC</p>

<p>4.INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Street Schemes for 13 – 16 year olds</p> <p>Increase Opportunities for Older People</p>	<p>To support the delivery of a programme of activities for 13 – 16 year olds in key areas of the borough that help increase participation and lower anti social behaviour</p> <p>To organise and promote a programme of activities aimed at increasing participation for older people</p>	<p>A range of opportunities are delivered via a multi partnership approach that encourage an increase in participation and contribute to community safety</p> <p>To support the delivery of existing programmes and investigate the possibilities for submitting funding applications to deliver these</p>	<p>Number of schemes operating</p> <p>Reduction in anti social behaviour</p> <p>Number of areas based</p> <p>Funding from variety of partners</p> <p>Number of participants</p> <p>Number of programmes</p> <p>Funding obtained</p>	<p>Schools</p> <p>Youth Services</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Connexions</p> <p>PCT</p> <p>DSD</p>	<p>Bedford BC</p> <p>DSD</p> <p>BS</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Youth Services</p> <p>Beds CC</p> <p>PCT</p> <p>DSD</p> <p>Bedford BC</p>
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<p>5. ESTABLISH CSN & DEVELOP WORKING PRACTICE</p> <p>Increase Membership of CSN</p> <p>Establish agreed terms of reference</p> <p>Develop project working groups as required</p> <p>Monitor the delivery of the action plan and progress of CSN</p> <p>Increase awareness of Bedford Sport within the local sporting community</p>	<p>To establish an effective and agreed working structure for the CSN and to monitor its emergence as a key body within the community</p> <p>Produce publicity leaflets / website links to raise the profile of the group (what is it/what funding is available)</p>	<p>To develop a recognised and representative CSN that is seen as an essential part of the local sporting community</p> <p>Increase awareness of the group and extend membership</p>	<p>Number of members TOR in place Delivery of action plan</p> <p>New group members New applications for funding</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>	<p>BS Bedford BC</p> <p>BS Bedford BC</p>

