

Meeting of Regional Sports Board

to be held on 19 September 2005

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



Community Investment Fund (CIF) – Applications for Infrastructure funding from Leicester-Shire and Northamptonshire County Sport's Partnerships.

Paper No. 3

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report to members solicited applications for CIF funding for Leicester-Shire and Rutland County Sports Partnership (L&R CSP) and Northamptonshire County Sport Partnership (N-Sport).
- 1.2 Provide members with a case summary for each application (Appendix 1 and 2) and to ask them to determine the application for funding.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 L&R CSP has submitted a CIF application requesting £400,129 for the period October 2005 to March 2009. (Year 1 - £67,301, Year 2 - £107,680, Year 3 - £110,910, Year 4 – 114,238).
- 2.2 N-Sport has submitted a CIF application requesting £400,000 for the period October 2005 to March 2009. (Year 1 - £77,000, Year 2 – £103,000, Year 3 – £113,000, Year 4 – £107,000).
- 2.3 In line with the RSB investment strategy, total project costs are requested from the Community Investment Fund.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are invited to approve:
 - 3.1.1 year 1 awards for both applications
 - 3.1.2 in principle award for years 2,3 and 4 subject to satisfactory CSP performance and availability of funds.

4 KEY POINTS

- 4.1 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) are the core building blocks of the Single System at the sub-regional level and supporting the development of 5 fit for purpose CSPs has been identified an absolute priority for the Regional Sports Board, as identified within Change 4 Sport.
- 4.2 The 05/06 Business Plan, approved by the RSB on 18 July 2005, identifies key actions to:
 - 4.2.1 develop capacity within County Sports Partnerships to deliver on the wider community/participation agenda (4.2)
 - 4.2.2 support key partners (including CSPs) to introduce sport opportunities through local authority Public Service Agreements and Local Area Agreements (5.2)
 - 4.2.3 CSPs to have levered in £550,000 external funding (7.8)
 - 4.2.4 Extend initiatives to develop leaders and leadership skills within sport. (8.2)
- 4.3 CSPs are crucial to delivery of the above specific actions and to the delivery of a number of other actions across all the social outcomes and outcome 8 (a more efficient and effective sport system). It has been recognised that CSPs will need significant additional capacity if they are to deliver effectively on the above.
- 4.4 The revised Regional Investment Strategy, approved by Board on 26 May 2005, has ring-fenced up to £100,000 per CSP per year to build capacity at the county level linked to:
 - 4.4.1 Strategic co-ordination of decision makers, investors and deliverers within the county to achieve a 1% increase in participation.
 - 4.4.2 Marketing, campaigning and communication activity that delivers beyond that stated within the CSP Business Plans.
- 4.5 Both CSPs have a clearly identified need for this capacity and will use the funding in a similar ways to establish the following posts:
 - Community Sport Manager (remit to develop strategic links and partnerships and to influence local policy and planning e.g. LAAs)
 - Community Sport Officer (remit to support the development of CSNs)
 - Funding/Investment Officer
- 4.6 In addition, N-Sport will be providing long-term leadership opportunities for key individuals working in sport within the county.
- 4.7 L&R CSP have also identified the provision of leadership opportunities and allocated resources to supporting the implementation of their Communication Plan.
- 4.8 The case summary fleshes out details in relation to costs and delivery of the projects.

5 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 5.1 As identified above, these applications meet specific key actions within Change 4 Sport and the agreed Business Plan for the Board 2005/06 and are also specifically identified within the Boards Investment Strategy.

APPENDICES **Appendix 1 – N-Sport Case Summary**

Appendix 2 – LSR CSP Case Summary

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