



## **MINUTES**

**of the East Midlands Regional Sports Board**

Held on Thursday 5 October 2006 at 1.00pm

**PRESENT: Len Jackson (Chair), Ted Cassidy (Vice Chair), Mary Butler, Ted Cante, Tony Hams, Pam Jardine, Wendi Jarrett, Sam Messam, Jeff Moore, Peter Murphy, Professor Shirley Pearce, Peter Richardson and Jackie Strong together with Anne Rippon, Graeme Beaumont, Tracey Francis, Russell Turner, Tricia Quinn and Colin Dyson.**

**APOLOGIES: Nick Bunting, Chris Earle, Adirupa Sengupta and Duncan Sharkey together with Clive Moesby and Nick Worth.**

**ACTION**

### **1 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed Pam Jardine, Sam Messam and Professor Shirley Pearce to their first meeting of the Board.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Sam Messam declared an interest in minute 10(a) relating to the CIF application from North West Leicestershire Local Sports Alliance.

Duncan Sharkey declared an interest in minute 10(a) relating to the CIF application from Lincolnshire County Sports Partnership for infrastructure funding.

Nick Bunting and Wendi Jarrett declared an interest in minute 10(a) relating to the CIF application from Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Northamptonshire Sport for infrastructure funding.

### **3 MINUTES**

#### **AGREED**

(1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 June 2006 be agreed.

(2) that the minutes of the Main Board held on 3 July 2006 be noted.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Q Active**

Further to minute 1, a further meeting had been held with Q Active on progress with the Active England project. They were still seeking funding of £250,000 for research but it was unlikely that the application would come to Sport England. Suggestions of other sources of funding had

been offered.

**(b) Voice East Midlands**

Further to minute 8(4), it was reported that Nik Trivedi, the Sports Manager at Voice East Midlands, who was funded by Sport England, was currently acting up as Chief Executive. This was likely to continue until the new year and it was therefore not anticipated that an application for continued funding of the Sports Manager post would be received in the immediate future.

AGREED that Voice East Midlands be encouraged to submit an application for the continued funding of the post of Sports Manager and in the meantime a report be submitted to the December Board meeting on the achievements of the post during the last 5 years.

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**(c) Football Foundation**

Further to minute 9(3), the Chair and Graeme Beaumont had met the Football Foundation with a view to understanding how to work more collaboratively with them now that they were considering other sports as well as football. Ben Dunning, a former SE employee, who had also worked closely with Sport England when employed at the East Midlands Development Agency, had recently been appointed Regional Manager for this area and it was intended to meet with him in the near future. Following a meeting the previous day with the FF and FA, Graeme Beaumont hoped that two specific projects would be targeted in the current financial year, which were likely to be linked to private sector funding or Building Schools for the Future.

**(d) Community Cohesion Conference**

Further to minute 10, it was reported that the conference had been well received with over 100 delegates attending. This would now be rolled out nationally and London and the North West were talking about holding events. The Support Centre was about to develop a tool kit, which could be used on line by sports clubs and development agencies.

**5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.00am on Thursday 14 December 2006.

**6 UPDATE BY INTERIM REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Derek Mapp had recently been appointed as the new Chair of Sport England. He was well known in the region having previously been Chief Executive of East Midlands Development Agency.

Staff changes – the region was now nearly back to full strength –

- Russell Turner replaced Steve Town as Head of Performance until December 2006.
- Tricia Quinn appointed Data Analyst.
- Cathy Partridge appointed for 6 months as Development Manager working on Club Coach development.
- Lara Hayes will be joining from the Australian Sports Commission to support the development team in the young people work.
- Andrea Kemp appointed 2 days a week until December 2006 to deliver work on the equity and equalities agenda.

- **Consultant to be appointed shortly to help deliver on the improvement agenda and to support planning work.**
- **Still no Planning Manager or a full time Improvement Manager – consultancy support would be employed to make sure delivery targets were met.**
- **Ilana Freestone would return from maternity leave in mid January 2007 and Tim Garfield's period on the executive officially ends at the end of December 2006.**

**Internal Audit report - the regional office had gained a rating of substantial assurance in a recent internal audit – the highest rating – and the efforts of Graeme Beaumont, Judy Merrin, James Buller and Colin Dyson in ensuring this were recognised.**

**London 2012 – the joint project with the East Midlands Development Agency, which included the appointment of Tracey Croft as Regional 2012 Coordinator, was progressing well. CSPs were fully involved in the process and had recently hosted events around the region to ensure that potential training camp venues were aware of the processes to be followed for inclusion in the official LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games) handbook.**

**Sport and Social Enterprise Conference – a very good national conference had been held in Leicester, attended by over 100 delegates.**

**BBC Sports Awards 2006 – members should have received invitations to the event to be held at the Assembly Rooms, Derby on 27 November 2006.**

**Press cuttings – the press cuttings for each county were available on the table. A more pro-active approach was being taken than in previous years and this was starting to pay off. In particular Rob Knott had been working hard with CSPs to help them with their own local press effort and this had also started to show results.**

**Finally, the Interim Regional Director wished to record that the team had been working very hard to maintain the level of customer care partners had come to expect. Staff had also been contributing significantly to national delivery – in particular Wendy Campbell on talent development and Graeme Beaumont on a number of national projects relating to investment and sustainability. With the arrival of the new team members the office would ensure delivery of targets in a strong final 6 months to the year.**

**AGREED that the staff of the East Midlands office be thanked for their continuing efforts to deliver throughout a difficult period.**

## **7 COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS**

**Briefing note on CSPs circulated.**

**The Board split into 4 groups and spent 20 minutes with each of the 5 CSPs to discuss what each CSP had been doing in their county in the last 12 months, what had been the successes, what worked and what had not, what issues they were facing, what more the Board could do to help and progress with Community Sport Networks.**

**On returning to the meeting members discussed the issues raised and considered the exercise to have been worthwhile.**

**AGREED** that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board outlining how the issues were to be progressed.

## **8 ACTIVE PEOPLE SURVEY**

Report circulated. Peter Murphy reported that the survey was big news in the health community and this would inevitably feed down to PCTs. It was therefore vital to interface with the 'movers' and 'shakers' within the health community and more generally with other regional players in other areas.

**AGREED**

(1) that the interim findings of the Active People Survey and the rich data source it provided be welcomed.

(2) that it be acknowledged that the results of the survey would assist and improve the targeting of resources in the future.

(3) that members be kept informed of the latest position with regard to the exclusion of participation and volunteering performance indicators from the Comprehensive Performance Agreement 2006.

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(4) that members be provided with an explanation of the column 'CPA participation rate' in appendix 2.

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## **9 INVESTMENT STRATEGY TO INVESTMENT PLAN**

Report circulated. GB confirmed that based on current information the fund would quickly become over subscribed.

**AGREED**

(1) that the proposed approach of further defining the areas of investment be acknowledged and ratified.

(2) that the CIF tracker be shared with CSP Directors to help manage the expectations on the fund.

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(3) that further clarification be provided on how this information could be used to ensure the fund was not over committed.

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## **10 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND – E-MAIL DECISIONS**

(a) Confirmation of e-mail decisions

Report circulated.

**AGREED**

(1) that the following decisions taken by the Board via e-mail be confirmed –

- a total award of £40,000 to the Community Council of Lincolnshire to enable them to increase participation in sport and physical activity by providing a sports focus in the parish plan process in the county - a hard commitment of £20,000 in year 1 and an in principle award in year 2 of £20,000 towards a total project cost of £345,238. (URN 20062935)

- a total award of £67,179 to Derby College to enable a new post holder to work across the 4 FE Institutions in Derby and Derbyshire to meet a key gap in the delivery system to ensure that young people attending the Institutions continued to participate in sport post 16 years – a hard commitment of £22,376 in year 1 and in principle awards of £22,376 and £22,377 in years 2 and 3 respectively towards a total project cost of £123,630. (URN 20062067)
- an award of £23,610 to North West Leicestershire Local Sports Alliance (Activ8) towards a total project cost of £58,816 which would reward children who completed a minimum of 2 hours of PE and School Sport with credit for them to use on sport and physical activity sessions taking place at their local leisure centre. (URN 20060471)
- a total award of £356,000 to Leicestershire County Council to enable them to employ 7 physical activity co-ordinators and activators across all districts in Leicestershire together with an additional 4 area based physical activity specialists to focus on target areas and target groups- a hard commitment of £71,200 in year 1 and in principle awards of £142,400 in years 2 and 3 respectively towards a total project cost of £722,500. (URN 20062106)
- year 2 infrastructure funding for Lincolnshire Sports Partnership of £118,778 and in principle awards in years 3 and 4 of £121,778 and £124,778 respectively. (URN 20051985)
- year 2 infrastructure funding for Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Northamptonshire Sport of £103,000 and in principle awards in years 3 and 4 of £113,000 and £107,000 respectively. (URN 20051463)

(2) that reports confirming e-mail decisions in future include any reservations expressed by members and any conditions which were included in the award as a result of members concerns.

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(3) that with regard to the award to Leicestershire County Council to employ 7 physical activity co-ordinators and activators across all districts in Leicestershire together with 4 area based physical activity specialists to focus on target areas and target groups, a discussion be held at the next meeting on the appropriateness of area specialists looking at targeted groups.

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**(b) Procedure for making future funding decisions**

Report circulated.

AGREED that the number and quality/complexity of applications which required an e-mail decision be kept under review and discussed at a future meeting of the Board so that a decision could be made on the future procedure for making funding decisions.

**11 GOVERNMENT'S RESPECT AGENDA**

Report circulated.

AGREED

(1) that the developing agenda and the role the Board could play in contributing to the Government's Respect agenda be acknowledged.

(2) that officers approach Government Office East Midlands to identify opportunities for joint working or alignment of an approach based against the initial 'Respect' Task Force Focus area, Nottingham, in the region and submit a further report to the Board in December 2006 offering suggestions on how to take this work forward.

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(3) that it be noted that Pam Jardine, on behalf of New Deal for Communities, was very keen to work with Sport England in this area.

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## 12 BUSINESS PLAN 2006/07 – FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS

Report circulated.

AGREED

(1) that the progress made in achieving targets associated with the 2006/07 Business Plan be noted.

(2) that officers review the targets in the business plan to see if any could be removed, excluding national (blues) and immediate regional (pink) projects.

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## 13 SPORTS EQUITY ALLIANCE

The Chair reported on a national proposal to create a Sports Equity Alliance by drawing together the 3 equity agencies – Women Sports Foundation, English Federation of Disability Sport and Sporting Equals. It was understood that this would result in the splitting of the budget for the 3 organisations and a reduction in the amount received by EFDS. This would have a great effect on the EM region as it was anticipated that there would be insufficient funds to finance the good work currently being undertaken in the region.

AGREED

(1) that the position be noted and Board members do whatever they could to influence the discussion, if the opportunity arose through their jobs.

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(2) that it be noted that the Chair would raise the matter at the Main Board meeting.

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