

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 8 May 2006

at Sport England East Midlands Regional Office

For

Discussion Decision Information



JOINT PROJECT WITH GROUNDWORK EAST MIDLANDS

Paper No. 4

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To outline a proposal from Groundwork East Midlands for CIF funding towards the Barclays Spaces for Sport revenue programme in the region. The RSB will be asked to decide whether it wishes to support this programme in-principle and encourage individual Groundwork Trusts in the region to submit CIF applications to be considered at future RSB meetings during 2006 and 2007.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 An in-principle agreement of the RSB to provide partnership funding for the Barclays Spaces for Sport revenue programme in the region could result in a maximum expenditure of £100,000 from the open funding stream.
- 2.2 This would be awarded to a maximum of 10 individual Groundwork Trust led projects across the region and these individual applications would be considered at future RSB meetings (see the appendix for a project list).
- 2.3 Each Groundwork Trust application would be looking to the RSB for an award of £10,000 to match fund an award of £20,000 from the Barclays Spaces for Sport revenue programme. This would meet our stated gearing ratio target of 2:1.
- 2.4 The Investment Strategy allocates a budget of £3.8m for the open funding stream. Of this, to date, £411,605 is hard committed and £67,903 is committed in principle, leaving £3.32m to be spent.

3 KEY OUTCOMES / OUTPUTS

- 3.1 Up to 10 additional sports development workers focusing on the participation agenda and reporting on Sport England Key Performance Indicators.

4 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The RSB agrees to support this programme in-principle, which will allow the Groundwork Trusts to quote this in-principle support in their applications to Barclays.
- 4.2 However the final decision on CIF awards will be made by the RSB on a project by project basis following the submission of a detailed project application by the individual Groundwork Trust.

5 **KEY POINTS**

- 5.1 Barclays Spaces for Sports aims to create or improve sports facilities in communities. The programme runs for three years and is delivered in partnership with Barclays, the Football Foundation and Groundwork. It has both capital and revenue elements. Capital funding to a maximum of £50,000 is available to projects submitted by individual Groundwork Trusts. The projects must be in areas with high indices of Multiple Deprivation. The types of projects that have been put forward by the individual Groundwork Trusts to Barclays are very similar to those funded via the recent Active England programme, e.g. multi-use games areas, skate parks etc.
- 5.2 There are 10 Groundwork Trust projects which, if the Board agrees to support the programme in principle, could apply individually for revenue support of £10,000 each. These are detailed in the attached appendix. To date 3 year 1 projects in the region have confirmed capital funding. A decision on 3 year 2 projects will be made by the end of February with site completion due by the end of September 2006. 3 year 3 project applications will be submitted by 25 May 2006 with site completion due by September 2007. In all cases, the Groundwork Trusts have raised additional capital partnership funding from other sources to match the Barclays capital funding.
- 5.3 Each project will apply to Barclays Spaces for Sport for a £20,000 revenue award, over 2 years, to fund sport development, coaching and equipment costs.
- 5.4 Again the revenue element of the Barclays programme is similar to the revenue element of the Active England programme where applicants have been able to employ part time staff or bring in professional coaches to develop outreach programmes and/or run sessions at the new facilities.
- 5.5 The Year 1 Groundwork projects are about to submit their applications to Barclays for the revenue awards and require partnership funding to strengthen their bids but more importantly to increase the amount of sport development time available on each site. For a relatively small investment of a maximum of £100,000, i.e. £10,000 per project, Sport England could ensure that -
 - the level of sport development work on each site is increased i.e. more hours available,

- the Groundwork Trusts monitor and report back to Sport England on agreed key performance indicators,
- the workers appointed become part of Sport England's Sport Community Inclusion Network, to be coordinated by Regeneration East Midlands, and as such will be able to learn from and share experiences with the Active England funded workers.

5.6 A sports development plan will be produced for each facility and would be submitted with the individual CIF bid along with a job description for the worker.

6 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

6.1 Change 4 Sport - Outcome 1 : Increased participation in sport in the East Midlands

APPENDICES **A table of Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Groundwork projects is attached.**

BACKGROUND **None**

WEB LINKS **None**