

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 8 May 2006

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



INTERIM REGIONAL DIRECTORS - DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Paper No. 8

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the decision taken by the Interim Regional Directors under their delegated authority.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The project - East Midlands Regional Assembly, Public Benefit Mapping Project - is Exchequer funded. The award is for £5,000 and the funds needed to be released before the end of the 2005/06 financial year.

3 KEY OUTCOMES / OUTPUTS

- 3.1 The outcome of the research will feed into the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy and into the individual strategies of the steering group members.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 that the action of the Interim Regional Directors in approving an Exchequer award of £5,000 to the East Midlands Regional Assembly for the Public Benefit Mapping Project (URN 20060512) be noted.

5 KEY POINTS

- 5.1 The Interim Regional Directors have delegated authority to enter into spending commitments for Exchequer and Lottery awards up to a total of £50,000, for revenue goods and services up to £50,000 and capital expenditure up to £25,000 - all inclusive of VAT.
- 5.2 The East Midlands Regional Assembly requested partnership funding of £5,000 towards the cost of a pan regional study to provide a framework by which the potential benefits of green infrastructure provision can be assessed for the East Midlands. The study will also carry out an assessment of the role green spaces can play for sport and physical activity and will ensure that the need for green space for sport and physical activity is high on the agendas of the various environmental agencies in the region.
- 5.3 A steering group has been set up to manage the project consisting of the Regional Assembly, English Nature, Countryside Agency, Environment Agency, National Trust, English Heritage, Forestry Commission and Sport England. These are all key agencies for Sport England to work along side if we are to maximise the benefits the countryside recreation agenda can bring to increasing participation in sport and physical activity.
- 5.4 Consultants have been appointed to carry out the work which will involve 42 days of consultancy time and these costs are being funded by the Countryside Agency (£5,000), English Nature (£3,000), Regional Assembly (£2,000) and Sport England (£5,000).
- 5.5 By being involved in the steering group and funding the study Sport England can ensure that the sport and physical activity benefits of green space will be included and assessed as part of this study.

6 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 6.1 Outcome 4 - reducing health inequalities and improved health and wellbeing of the people who live in the East Midlands.

APPENDICES **None**

BACKGROUND **None**

WEB LINKS **None**