

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12th December 2005

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



Outcome 6 – Improved Education & Lifelong Learning Through Sport

Paper No. 1

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To supplement the presentation to the meeting on the progress being made on Outcome 6 of Change 4 Sport - Improved Education & Lifelong Learning through Sport in the East Midlands.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 There are no financial implications

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Regional Sports Board note this report and discuss any issues arising from the presentation.

4 KEY POINTS

- 4.1 Outcome 6 is one of the social and economic outcomes of the regional plan - Change 4 Sport. Its success depends on finding new and innovative ways to increase participation. This outcome is delivered through and around the national strategy for School Sport P.E.S.S.C.L. (P.E. School Sport & Club Links) and associated programmes. It contributes to the success of Outcome 8 (Sports System) which in turn supports the achievement of Outcome 6.
- 4.2 There have been significant legislative changes relating to the delivery of services to Young People over the past two years. The emergence of the Children's Act 2004 - Every Child Matters / Children's Reform, has seen a significant step change in how and who delivers strategic services to Young People. The Government has appointed an independent Children's Commissioner, Al Aynsley Green.

- 4.3 The most fundamental change is the re-alignment of service providers and the amalgamation, in the first instance, of Education, Social Services and Health Services. This has resulted in the appointment of Directors of Children's Services in local authorities and the requirement on local authorities to produce an annual Children's Plan, the delivery of which will be through the holistic vision of 'Children's Trusts' and will include services not under the control of local authorities.
- 4.4 All service providers within the Young People sector are now aligning their services to deliver on the 5 outcomes of the Children's Act:-
- Being Healthy
 - Staying Safe
 - Enjoying & Achieving
 - Making a Positive Contribution to their Community
 - Achieving Economic Wellbeing
- 4.5 The Children's Act was closely followed and built upon by the Youth Green Paper - Youth Matters, launched in July 2005. A detailed consultation process was completed within the East Midlands providing a significant response to the paper in November of this year.
- 4.6 The changes required to raise levels of attainment and achievement and to deliver a programme of quality Sport and Physical Activity opportunities to Young People cannot be achieved in isolation. To support this the Government is embarking on its most ambitious and radical programme of capital infrastructure since the 1900's. Over the next 15 years Building Schools for the Future (BSF) will see every single secondary school within England either re-built (max 50% of the programme) or refurbished.
- 4.7 It is important that Sport and Physical Activity is seen as an integral element in delivering this vision for Young People and that through both the BSF programme and the Extended Schools initiative, Sport and Physical Activity has a prominent seat at the table in the design / procurement / and delivery stages of both new buildings and new activities.
- 4.8 While the specific targets within the National Plan for Sport are clearly aimed at adults (1% increase per annum), without firm foundations and good habits, initiated when younger, these targets will not be met. As a result, within the Young People agenda we recognise the need for Champions of Sport and Physical Activity to prevent this sector becoming marginalised. Therefore we have embarked on a Tutor Training Programme with CONTINYOU for School Governors to enable them to be fully aware of the importance of sport and physical activity, both within the curriculum and through extracurricular activities. In addition, in support of Outcome 8, governors need to be aware of the importance of schools as community hubs for sport and leisure activities for community members of all ages.

5 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

Outcome 6 – Improved Education & Lifelong Learning Through Sport.

Outcome 1 – Increased Participation in Sport

Outcome 4 – Reduced Health inequalities & improved health and wellbeing of the people who live in the East Midlands

Outcome 5 – Stronger & Safer Communities in the East Midlands through Sport

Outcome 8 – A more efficient & effective sport system within the East Midlands

APPENDIX

1. East Midlands Table Results of School Sport Survey

(A copy of the results of the 2004/05 School Sport Survey are available on request)