

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12 December 2005

at Sport England offices, West Bridgford

For

Discussion Decision Information



CONFIRMATION OF E-MAIL DECISIONS

Paper No. 6

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To confirm the decisions taken by the Board via e-mail.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Lincolnshire Voluntary Sports Forum project - will continue until March 2007 and receive funding of £75,000 from the the Home Office Change Up programme. The total cost of the project is £100,000. The Change Up funding is regionally allocated to develop infrastructure and build capacity in the voluntary sector.
- 2.2 CSP core funding -there are no financial implications of the decision to reprofile the annual payments to CSPs
- 2.3 Active England - Cobden School -the additional capital award of £22,246 for the project at Cobden School, Loughborough, will be met from the contingency.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To confirm the decisions taken by the Board to-
- 3.2 make an award of £25,000 from the Community Investment Fund to Lincolnshire Voluntary Sports Forum to fund the appointment of a Voluntary Sector Sports Manager based with Lincolnshire County Sports Partnership to recruit an additional 500 volunteers in Lincolnshire and recruit 6 unpaid volunteer mentors to support sports volunteers at local level.
- 3.3 reprofile the annual payments to CSPs for core funding.
- 3.4 To confirm the decision taken by the Investment Sub Group to award an additional capital grant of £22,246 under the Active England programme to Cobden School, Loughborough, for the additional cost of constructing a multi use games area.

4 KEY POINTS

- 4.1 In October 2005 it was necessary to seek the urgent approval of the Board to an application for funding from Lincolnshire Voluntary Sports Forum towards the cost of funding a post of Voluntary Sector Sports Manager who would recruit an additional 500 volunteers into sport in year 1 and establish 6 unpaid volunteer mentors to support sports volunteers at local level. 12 members approved the grant and 3 did not reply.
- 4.2 Urgent approval was necessary as the project had attracted £75,000 from the Change Up programme in the East Midlands. This money had to be spent by June 2006 and it was therefore necessary to recruit the Manager as a matter of urgency. The CIF funding will enable the project to continue until March 2007 to enable the project to be completed.
- 4.3 This is the first project to make a successful case for linking sports volunteering to the mainstream agenda and is bringing significant investment into sports volunteering.
- 4.4 Also in October 2005 it was necessary to seek the urgent approval of the Board to the reprofiling of annual payments to CSPs. It had already been agreed by the Board that each CSP should receive a notional allocation of £150,000 a year for the period 2004/05 to 2008/09, a total of £3.75 million. It has not been possible for all CSPs to spend their full allocation within the first years and it was therefore necessary to reprofile the payments so that the £3.75 was still utilised. The new payments are set out below -

County	Current Profile	Proposed profile
Derbyshire	750	802
Leicestershire	750	802
Lincolnshire	750	802
Northamptonshire	750	802
Nottinghamshire	501	541
Total £k (04/05-08/09)	3,501	3,750

- 4.5 This decision was required urgently to enable CSPs to submit grant submissions to the December 2005 meeting of the Board. 12 members approved the reprofiling and 3 did not reply.
- 4.6 In November 2005 it was necessary to seek the urgent approval of the Investment Sub Group to an increase in the capital award under the Active England programme for the construction of a multi use games area at Cobden School, Loughborough. The original award had been for £91,500 but due to delays in obtaining planning permission and adverse ground conditions, which resulted in the site being moved to another part of the playground, additional costs of £22,246 were requested and approved by the sub group.

5 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 5.1 The Lincolnshire Voluntary Sports Forum application meets a specific key action within Change 4 Sport - a more efficient and effective sports system in the East Midlands. The strategic aim is to invest in our paid and voluntary workforce, making sure that they have relevant skills and knowledge. It also meets the aim of making sure that voluntary sport sector and mainstream voluntary sector are working together to promote and support volunteers in sport.
- 5.2 CSPs are key to the delivery of Outcome 8 Sports System, Community Sports Networks and a range of key programmes.
- 5.3 The successful delivery of the Active England programme across the East Midlands is a key action identified in the 2004/05 regional business plan under Outcome 1 – increased participation in sport in the EM.

APPENDICES **None**

BACKGROUND **A report 'Bowling Alone' which researches capacity building in Lincolnshire's Community Voluntary Sports Sector is available to members from Sport England East Midlands.**

WEB LINKS **None**