

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12 December 2005

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS CORE PROGRAMME FUNDING 2005/2006

Paper No. 7

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from the RSB to award core programme funding for the period April 2005 to March 2006 to:

- Lincolnshire County Sports Partnership (Lincolnshire Sport),
- Northamptonshire County Sport Partnership (N-sport)
- Derbyshire County Sport Partnership (Derbyshire Sport)
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1 National core programme funding for 5 years commencing 2004/2005 is ring fenced for CSPs. There is a notional allocation of £150,000 per year for each CSP.

2.2 Members are reminded that due to an under spend in Nottinghamshire, this funding has recently been reprofiled over the CSPs (email decision 04.11.05) such that the notional allocation from 2005/2006 onwards is now £163,000 per year.

2.3 The Board has previously determined funding for Leicestershire (18.07.05) and this paper covers the applications for:

2.3.1 Derbyshire Sport (Year 2) - an award of £168,500 for 2005/2006 and an in-principle agreement to award £168,500 per annum for 2006/7, 2007/8 and 2008/9.

2.3.2 N-sport (Year 2) - an award of £163,000 for 2005/6 and an in-principle agreement to award £162,330 for 2006/7, £162,330 for 2007/8 and £161,660 for 2008/9.

2.3.3 Lincolnshire Sport (Year 2) - an award of £166,000 for 2005/6 and an in-principle agreement to award £166,000 per annum for 2006/7, 2007/8 and 2008/9.

2.3.4 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership (Year 1) - an award of £21,600 for 2005/6 and an in-principle agreement to award £156,480 for

2006/7, £163,080 for 2007/8 and £163,680 for 2008/9.

- 2.4 This funding is ring-fenced national funding and is in addition to the commitments made within the regional investment strategy at the RSB meeting, 25 May 2005.

3 KEY OUTCOMES / OUTPUTS

- 3.1 Each of the case summaries ,attached, has the detailed aims, objectives, outputs and outcomes for each award.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That offers of award for core programme funding are made as follows:
- 4.1.1 Lincolnshire Sport of £166,000 in 2005/06 and an in-principle award of £166,000 in financial years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 subject to performance.
 - 4.1.2 N-sport of £163,000 in 2005/06 and an in-principle award of £162,330 in 2006/7, £162,330 in 2007/08 and £161,660 in 2008/09 subject to performance .
 - 4.1.3 Derbyshire Sport of £168,500 in 2005/06 and an in-principle award of £168,500 in financial years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 subject to performance.
 - 4.1.4 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership of £21,600 in 2005/6 and an in-principle award of £156,480 in 2006/07, £163,080 in 2007/08 and £163,080 in 2008/09 subject to performance.
- 4.2 The Board note the spend associated with the different governance arrangements and legal models of the County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) and agree to undertake an independent review and cost-benefit analysis of the CSPs in the region to ensure they are adopting the most cost effective and sustainable models within each County.
- 4.3 The Board agree to give the Regional Director delegated authority to spend Sport England Exchequer funding on the above review and cost benefit analysis.

5 KEY POINTS

- 5.1 These core funding applications are brought before the Board and are based on the respective CSP Business Plans for 2005/6.
- 5.2 There are a number of existing and new funding streams that feed the work of the CSP and require the approval of the RSB. This paper and these applications deal with core programme funding only.
- 5.3 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership have only just recruited a

Partnership Director and are only seeking costs associated with the appointment of this post and a visioning event to cover the remainder of this financial year.

- 5.4 There are significant differences in the use of consultants and the operating costs of the CSPs operating under different models of independence/governance. Lincolnshire Sport is an independent company limited by guarantee, Derbyshire Sport and N-sport are fully hosted by the County Council, Leicester-Shire and Rutland Sport has three agencies employing staff (City Council, County Council and the University) and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sport is hosted by Nottingham Trent University.
- 5.5 With the exception of Lincolnshire, all CSPs plan to review their options for independence and it is suggested that this be completed independently by the region on behalf of all CSPs (including Lincolnshire) to ensure a consistent approach that considers a full cost-benefits analysis and takes into account local circumstances. This would be welcome by CSPs who would save time a resources in undertaking individual reviews of governance options and help the RSB to determine value for money in future applications.
- 5.6 The case summaries make an assessment of the applications, providing an outline of the respective CSP Business Plan and setting out key areas for spend of core programme funding in 2005/6.

6 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 6.1 County Sports Partnerships are the key to the delivery of all the outcomes of Change 4 Sport and form the backbone of the Sport System. The principles of the regional plan fit well with these applications notably equity and subsidiarity.

APPENDICES **3 case summaries**

BACKGROUND **Attached**

WEB LINKS **None**