

Meeting of Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12 December 2005

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



Community Investment Fund (CIF) – Application for Infrastructure funding from Lincolnshire County Sport Partnership (Lincolnshire Sport).

Paper No. 8

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report to members an application for Community Investment Funding for Lincolnshire Sport.
- 1.2 Provide members with a case summary for the application (Appendix 1) and to ask them to determine the application for funding.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Lincolnshire Sport has submitted a CIF application requesting £400,000 for the period December 2005 to March 2009. (Year 1 - £34,666, Year 2 - £118,778 Year 3 - £121,778, Year 4 – 124,778).
- 2.2 Within its Investment Strategy, the RSB has ring-fenced up to £100,000 per CSP to build capacity and develop a wider community participation function to achieve a 1% increase in participation.
- 2.3 The total project costs are £434,000 and the remaining £34,000 partnership funding is not confirmed as yet.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are invited to approve:
 - 3.1.1 year 1 awards for the applications
 - 3.1.2 in-principle award for years 2,3 and 4 subject to satisfactory CSP performance, the determination of more precise performance indicators and the availability of funds.
- 3.2 Members are asked to note the specific recommendations to be included as grant conditions in the award letter (outlined in 4.6 below). These are based on the information submitted in the application.

4 KEY POINTS

- 4.1 County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) are the core building blocks of the Single System at the sub-regional level and supporting the development of 5 fit for purpose CSPs has been identified an absolute priority for the Regional Sports Board, as identified within Change 4 Sport.
- 4.2 The 05/06 Business Plan, approved by the RSB on 18 July 2005, identifies key actions to:
 - 4.2.1 develop capacity within County Sports Partnerships to deliver on the wider community/participation agenda (4.2)
 - 4.2.2 support key partners (including CSPs) to introduce sport opportunities through local authority Public Service Agreements and Local Area Agreements (5.2)
 - 4.2.3 CSPs to have levered in £550,000 external funding (7.8)
- 4.3 CSPs are crucial to delivery of the above specific actions and to the delivery of a number of other actions across all the social outcomes and outcome 8 (a more efficient and effective sport system). It has been recognised that CSPs will need significant additional capacity if they are to deliver effectively on the above.
- 4.4 The revised Regional Investment Strategy, approved by Board on 26 May 2005, has ring-fenced up to £100,000 per CSP per year to build capacity at the county level linked to:
 - 4.4.1 Strategic co-ordination of decision makers, investors and deliverers within the county to achieve a 1% increase in participation.
 - 4.4.2 Marketing, campaigning and communication activity that delivers beyond that stated within the CSP Business Plans.
- 4.5 Lincolnshire Sport has clearly identified a need for this capacity and will use the funding as follows:
 - Strategy and Policy Manager (remit to develop strategic links and partnerships and to influence local policy and planning e.g. LAAs)
 - to part fund (70%) two area manager posts (remit to support the development of Community Sport Networks)
- 4.6 Based on the information submitted in the application, the following recommendations (grant conditions) apply to this project:
 - 4.6.1 The £34,000 partnership funding be confirmed prior to the RSB approving a Year 2 award.
 - 4.6.2 The CSP follow the national guidance on the development of CSNs and actively look to engage Local Authorities and link to Local Strategic Partnerships.

4.6.3 Careful monitoring of the project to assess/ensure:

- the capacity and expertise of the Area Managers to deliver fully on the participation agenda (they are currently working to a young people remit and will hold on to this for 30% of their time.)
- the added value/additionality that this funding brings to the CSP (i.e. the ensure the young people work currently done by the Area Managers is picked up elsewhere in their organisational structure)

4.7 The case summary fleshes out details in relation to costs and delivery of the project.

5 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

5.1 As identified above, these applications meet specific key actions within Change 4 Sport and the agreed Business Plan for the Board 20005/06 and are also specifically identified within the Boards Investment Strategy.

APPENDICES **Appendix 1 – Lincolnshire Sport Case Summary**

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