

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12 December 2005

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



REGIONAL DIRECTOR - DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Paper No. 9

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the decisions taken by the Regional Director under his delegated authority.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 All projects are Exchequer funding and were awarded 4 years ago for a 5 years period. This report is to sanction the release of funding for the 5th year.

3 KEY OUTCOMES / OUTPUTS

- 3.1 The projects will be asked to provide a review of their work outcomes and outputs at the meeting of the Board in March 2006.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the action of the Regional Director in approving the payment of year 5 grants to the following organisations be noted -
- 4.2 Voice East Midlands - Black and Minorities Voluntary Sector Forum - £35,000
- 4.3 Leicester Racial Equality Council Show Case Project - £40,000
- 4.4 South Holland District Council Active Communities infrastructure - £40,000

5 KEY POINTS

- 5.1 The Regional Director has 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 In the last few weeks the Regional Director has used his delegated authority to approve three Exchequer awards. The three schemes are all for 5 years, which were approved under the old paper based system 4 years ago. In order to obtain the year 5 payments the projects have been entered on to the Grants Management System. The three schemes are -
- 5.3 - Voice East Midlands - Black and Minorities Voluntary Sector Forum Project (URN 20051573) - £35,000 - to establish consultation and advice mechanisms to ensure that sports initiatives in the East Midlands take account of black and minority issues.
- 5.4 - Leicester Racial Equality Council Show Case Project (URN 20051629) - £40,000 - to ensure that black and ethnic communities in Leicester are able to gain better access to sport and recreational opportunities including access to resources and to develop more effective links between black and ethnic communities and the statutory and voluntary sector sports providers/ organisations in Leicester.
- 5.5 - South Holland District Council Active Communities Infrastructure - Lincolnshire Showcase Project (URN 20051633) - £40,000 - to improve both access and deliver better sports and physical activity opportunities in deep rural areas of the Rural Action Zone with the intention of improving the health of residents.
- 5.6 With regard to the Voice East Midlands and Leicester Racial Equality Council projects various options are being investigated with regard to continuing certain elements of the projects. The South Holland project has been asked to produce by the end of February 2006 a forward strategy to illustrate how the objectives of the project would be carried forward after the conclusion of the last year of the project. The County Sports Partnership will be involved in developing the action plan and forward strategy.

6 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 6.1 All 3 schemes were approved before Change 4 Sport was launched. Nevertheless their objectives meet Outcomes 1 (increased participation), 3 (reduce inequality) and 4 (reduce health inequalities).

APPENDICES **None**

BACKGROUND **None**

WEB LINKS **None**

