



MINUTES

of the East Midlands Regional Sports Board

Held on Thursday 14 December 2006

PRESENT: Len Jackson (Chair), Ted Cassidy (Vice Chair), Mary Butler, Ted Cattle, Chris Earle, Tony Hams, Pam Jardine, Sam Messam, Peter Murphy, Professor Shirley Pearce, Peter Richardson and Jackie Strong together with Anne Rippon, Graeme Beaumont, Tracey Francis, Russell Turner, Tricia Quinn and Colin Dyson.

APOLOGIES: Nick Bunting, Jeff Moore, Adirupa Sengupta and Duncan Sharkey.

ACTION

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2 MINUTES

AGREED

(1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 October 2006 be agreed.

(2) that the minutes of the Main Board held on 4 September 2006 be noted.

(3) that the minutes of the Performance Action Group held on 18 October 2006 be noted.

3 MATTERS ARISING – REGIONAL SPORTS BOARD

(a) County Sports Partnerships (CSPs)

Further to minute 7, Tracey Francis reported on progress with the regional issues raised by the 5 CSPs at the previous Board meeting. Some of these were national strategic problems. Capita had been commissioned to solve the governance issues and would make recommendations on what a CSP should look like – some of the EM CSPs had been used to advance this work. Work was also being undertaken nationally on legal and operational issues. Staff from this region were involved in a number of areas including Graeme Beaumont on legacy, Wendy Campbell on talent and Tracey Francis on strategic planning for CSPs.

County Support Officers were now meeting with CSP Managers monthly rather than quarterly and were reviewing the key priorities in outcome 8 – a more efficient and effective sport system.

At a recent national CSP conference discussions had included Key

Performance Indicators and funding for CSPs post 2009. Discussions were ongoing with Sports Coach UK and Youth Sport Trust on reporting procedures to produce one template for reporting back to the Department for Education and Skills and the Department for Culture Media and Sport.

The Chair reported on the recent meeting of the Regional Sports Partnership at Holme Pierrepont. Derek Mapp was committed to CSPs as part of the national delivery system but CSPs were all at different levels of development – the EM CSPs were ahead of the national picture. With the appointment of a new Chair and new Chief Executive, the group was challenged with telling them what was needed by CSPs going forward – if there was something wrong with the delivery system they should inform SE how best to deliver locally. It had been a very positive meeting and the CSP Managers had accepted a corporate responsibility to shape the future direction of CSPs nationally.

(b) Investment strategy

Further to minute 8, Graeme Beaumont circulated a paper on managing the Community Investment Fund, which included 'how to ensure we funded the best projects' and 'how do we know when our funds are running out?' together with an updated CIF tracker as at December 2006.

4 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED

(1) that it be noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held at 11.00am on Friday 9 February 2007, followed by the informal business planning meeting at 1.00pm.

(2) that further meetings of the Board would be held at 9.00am on Mondays 30 April, 16 July and 22 October 2007.

5 EQUALITY UPDATE

Report circulated. Further to minute 4(b), Nik Trivedi gave a presentation outlining the achievements of the post of Sports Manager at Voice East Midlands during the last 5 years. These included increased local capacity – 9 people trained as mentors, 50 projects supported in Awards for All projects (A4A), 25 projects submitted for A4A of which 18 were successful and 250 BME sports groups regularly contacted. In addition funding of over one million pounds had been levered in to projects and the post had achieved considerable impact and influence in the region.

A number of points were made –

- The achievements could look 'Derby, Leicester, Nottingham focussed' where the infrastructure existed to lever in funding, whereas in other areas there was no infrastructure e.g. Lincolnshire. This had to be reviewed and would be a priority.
- The post now not only dealt with BME groups but also other hard to reach groups such as Poles, Estonians etc – the influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe had changed the landscape in the last 5 years which would change the focus of the post and Voice East Midlands. The post also worked with low income groups – much of the work was with individuals and therefore very resource heavy.
- With every initiative with whatever group or individual the 'end game' was to mainstream to ensure that the delivery system was

accessible to all. We particularly needed to ensure that the structure for this work was at Community Sport Network level.

- It was not possible to measure the effects of the actions on increasing participation as a system had not been established to collect data at the project inception stage. However the Active Peoples Survey provided a platform which would make this possible.
- A strategic review of the Board's equity policy was required, including the preparation of a new plan with performance measures.

AGREED

- (1) that Nik Trivedi be thanked for his presentation and his efforts and achievements in this area in the last 5 years be recognised.
- (2) that the Board's whole approach to equity be reviewed, particularly how to address the issues of the different equity groups and social community cohesion.
- (3) that Russell Turner and Nik Trivedi, with Board involvement if necessary, give some thought to the strategic direction and prepare draft proposals for circulation to the Board, including in particular measurement and performance management. RT/NT
- (4) that it be noted that the creation of a Sports Equity Alliance (a combination of Women Sports Foundation, English Federation of Disability Sport and Sporting Equals) which it had been feared would result in insufficient funds to finance the good work currently being undertaken in the region, was now not an issue in the short term, but the position would be kept under constant review to ensure that the funding issue did not reoccur. RT/MB
- (5) that the development of the regional Equity Action Plan be welcomed and the areas of proposed priority be endorsed.

6 UPDATES

(a) National developments

The Chair reported that he had been on the interview panel for the new Chief Executive on Monday and one of the candidates had been offered the post. The candidate was from outside the organisation and their name would not be released until the approval of the Secretary of State was received. Tim Garfield would remain as Director of Regions until the end of May 2007 but the situation after that remained unclear.

He had recently attended the first meeting of the Main Board under the Chairmanship of Derek Mapp. The Chair had decided that the Board needed strengthening with more external people who understood sport. In addition he had agreed that two RSB Chairs should be appointed to the Main Board for a period of two years and he had asked for names to be put forward – one of the RSB Chairs would be appointed Deputy Chair. Meetings would be held 11 times a year with only August not having a meeting. In addition an RSB Chairs Panel would meet quarterly to discuss strategy and policy. The National Investment Panel was now defunct and its business would go to the Main Board. He was in favour of providing more unfettered money to the regions.

(b) Internal matters

The Interim Regional Director reported on the following matters –

- The SE 2007/08 business planning process was underway and it was necessary to make the connection between the RSB and what was being identified nationally – an informal business planning session had been organised for Board members on 9 February at 1.00pm. This would provide a clear steer of the work programme for next year, including targets for participation and KPIs.
- The BBC EM Sports Awards had been a success and a meeting was to be held that day with the BBC to review the event.
- The delivery system would be presented to the Board on 9 February but in the meantime if anyone wished to receive a copy of the booklet they should let Colin Dyson know. The Board was reminded that the delivery system had its origins in the East Midlands and the Department for Culture Media and Sport had now adopted it.
- Bids for pre Olympic Games training camps had to be submitted by the end of January.
- Ilana Freestone would return to work part time on 15 January and roles and responsibilities would then be reviewed to meet work programme demands. Cathy Partridge was leaving for Loughborough University to become Talent Development Manager. Some temporary support for equity work was required and there was still a vacancy for a planning officer. The office was still inputting to the regional spatial strategy and meeting statutory planning obligations through the use of a consultant.

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7 TALENT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Wendy Campbell reminded members of the background to the talent development money - £3.92m of additional funding which had been matched by the RSB through CIF resulting in a pot of £7.84m. Between 35% and 65% of this had to be spent on talent development with the remainder going to capacity building. Cathy Partridge had been appointed as Talent Development Manager, hosted by Loughborough University, which focussed strongly on coach/club and performance development. Wendy and Cathy were in the process of interviewing 31 National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to ascertain what each one wanted to deliver in the region under this banner.

A paper was circulated listing the sports which were in each of the 3 phases. Some NGBs lacked capacity to deliver in the region and this element would not be funded, only delivery on the ground i.e. coaches delivering directly to athletes. A national uniform approach was being taken to all sports and a meeting had been held between the 9 regions, but a focus would be kept on what this region wanted to achieve at the heart of it.

The Performance Action Group (PAG) would consider all the applications and make recommendations to the Board. Ten per cent of the total budget was top sliced for disabilities and Tony Fitzsimmons was working with Sport England, YST and UK Sport to create disability pathways. Applications were also dealing with hardship. The sports had to provide a plan of what they would deliver and prove that they could deliver it. The money had to be committed by the end of March 2007.

AGREED

- (1) that the update on talent development be noted and a Talent Development Group be appointed with delegated authority to consider all applications and make decisions on the expenditure of the talent development money.
- (2) that the Group comprise Len Jackson as Chair together with 4 other Board members and would meet at 10.00am on Thursday 1 March 2007.
- (3) that the decisions of the Group be e-mailed to the Board for information.

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8 ACTIVE PEOPLE SURVEY

Russell Turner and Tricia Quinn provided a quiz for members about the results of the Active People survey, the results of which were released on 6 December and provided a baseline for PSA targets. Specifically the survey would be used to measure PSA target 3 – ‘to increase the take up of cultural and sporting opportunities by 16 and above from priority groups by 2008.’ Sport England had an objective agreed with the Government to increase the number who engaged in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity level sports, at least three times a week, by an average of 1% a year over the next 3 years to 2008. The region had a 16+ population of approximately 3,484,000 and therefore an annual increase of 1% equated to 34,840 adults a year.

A regional conference would be held in Derby on 27 February 2007 together with 5 CSP County events. The survey would be undertaken on a 3 year cycle with the next one being in 2009. The survey was the largest single study of sport and active recreation ever undertaken in Europe with over 1,000 adults interviewed in each local authority in England, thus giving ultra-local information. Active People set our context for the next few years and the Active People diagnostic would allow everyone to access and share vital information.

Postcode information had been collected where possible and the Geographic Information System (GIS) would be ready in February/March with maps available in March/April. Chris Earle pointed out that the Universities were collating similar information nationally about student participation and it would be worthwhile adding this information to the survey results. The Youth Sport Trust also had useful information which should be included. Local authority officers would be able to undertake their own analysis and would liaise direct with their CSPs in the near future.

TQ

Local authorities spent far more on sport than Sport England and therefore the closer the relationship with the Chief Executives of local authorities the better.

AGREED that Russell Turner and Tricia Quinn be thanked for their presentation.

9 INVESTMENT

Reports circulated.

(1) Community Investment Fund

Community coaches applications

AGREED

(1) that the following applications for community coaches be approved –

Leicester City Council on behalf of Leicester-Shire and Rutland Sport - £57,803 for 10 part time community coaches (URN 20066169).

Derby City Council - £20,000 for a community outdoor activities coach (URN 20066258).

High Peak District Council - £20,000 for a lacrosse community coach (URN 20066586).

Derbyshire County Cricket Club - £22,000 for 2 part time player pathway coaches (URN20066373).

Derbyshire County Council on behalf of Derbyshire Sport - £20,000 for 4 part time athletic community coaches (URN20066251).

Erewash Borough Council - £20,000 for a multi sport community coach (URN20066483).

Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Northamptonshire Sport - £24,287 for 1 part time golf community coach and 2 part time cycling community coaches (URN20066813).

Nottinghamshire County Council - £37,482 for 3 part time (rugby league, rugby union and trampolining) community coaches and 1 full time (cricket) community coach (URN20067006).

(2) that if any Board member was aware of a situation where a community coach was being managed by a management committee rather than a single local authority, Wendy Campbell should be informed.

All

(3) that all awards should include a condition on physical and mental disability.

WC/CP

Corby Regeneration in Sport Partnership

AGREED

(1) that a year 2 award of £20,000 be made to Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Northamptonshire Sport (URN20042349) for further work on the CRISP project.

(2) that the award be subject to the following conditions –

- A new officer to be appointed by March 2007.
- Robust KPIs and tangible outcomes being developed prior to year 3.
- Quarterly progress reports submitted to Sport England on an on-going basis.

Get Active in Northamptonshire

AGREED

- (1) that a total award of £120,000 over 3 years be made to Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Northamptonshire Sport to employ two physical activity co-ordinators based in the north and south of the county. (URN 20064913)**
- (2) that even though the award was for £40,000 in each of the years 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10, the total of £120,000 be fully committed at this stage.**
- (3) that the award be made on the proviso that a suite of performance indicators were developed to support the measurement of the project, including showing its effectiveness in BME communities, and Sport England officers be delegated to approve them, following discussion with Northamptonshire Sport.** RT

b) Exchequer funding

PESSCL combined funding

AGREED

- (1) that 1 year additional PESSCL Step into Sport programme funding of £20,000 be approved to each of the CSPs in Lincolnshire (URN 20050263), Northamptonshire (URN20050265) and Nottinghamshire (URN 20050267), it being noted that the funding had no financial implications for the regional CIF budget.**
- (2) that officers try to influence the national programme to ensure that equity was fundamental to the Step into Sport programme.** TF
- (3) that it be noted that the CSPs in Derbyshire and Leicestershire had been selected to participate in a national pilot of an enhanced PESSCL strategy.**

Voice East Midlands – sports equity in the region

AGREED

- 1) that an Exchequer award of £25,000 be made to Voice East Midlands on behalf of the Regional Sports Equity Group for the regional equity infrastructure project (URN 20066632).**
- 2) that Voice East Midlands provide evidence of increased participation as a result of the project.** RT

c) Leverage strategy

Graeme Beaumont reminded members that £500,000 had been ear marked from CIF funding for private sector initiatives. A number of leads to private companies provided by members were being followed up and two initial meetings had been arranged. He was confident that by March 2007 some initiatives with the private sector would be achieved.

