



NORTH WEST SPORTS BOARD

MINUTES

12th Meeting 2006

Held on 10th May 2006 at the Westmorland Hotel, Orton, Penrith

NWRSB (06)
12th Meeting

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN

Mr Andy Worthington

MEMBERS

Carole Hassan

Pam Jervis

Ann Hoskins

Chris Carr

John Townsend

David Newton

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Stewart Kellett

OFFICERS

Dave Hewson

Karen Keohane

Andrew Lee

NWRSB(06) 2.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Anil Ruia, John Ashton, John Bell, Phil Clarke, Colin Chaytors, Carol Gustafson.

NWRSB(06) 2.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2006 were agreed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Stewart Kellett to meet Sports Coach UK in early June.

National Sports Foundation meeting arranged for 16th May 2006 with 2 directors of the Community Foundations of Liverpool and Merseyside.

BSF – a meeting was held with the minister, Pam Jervis, Andy Worthington & Stewart Kellett. A briefing note has been given to the Department of Education. A further meeting is planned for 2nd June 2006.

All RSB Chairs are backing proposals to appoint a dedicated person in each region.

Discussion took place around the workplace activity investment. It was noted that of the 41 schemes, 12 are from the private sector and the overall programme demonstrated very good leverage. There had been strong support from the Minister of Sport and from the Secretary of State. The Chair wished to put on record their congratulations to the regional staff for doing an excellent job in difficult circumstances.

NWRSB(06) 2.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pam Jervis has taken on a new consultancy role for Knowsley Borough Council.

NWRSB(06) 2.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT

This report outlined key areas of governance for the RSB including its role as a lottery distributor. It was noted that swift work had been done to review the governance arrangements and it was recommended that the F&P sub group review the report and bring back their recommendations to the September RSB meeting.

NWRSB(06) 2.5 REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

It was noted that ongoing discussions had been taking place with DCMS officials in clarifying Sport England's position in Community Sport and its responsibility for creating the single system for Sport.

The reorganisation of Sport England was progressing and there were approximately 60 vacancies nationally. The North West region has filled 3 out of 6 vacancies with offers to another 2. The Planning position has been re-advertised. Once appointments are being completed it will be the first time in three years that the region has been at full capacity.

The roles of the 3 new teams in the region (Delivery, Investment, Performance and Improvement) were discussed.

NWRSB(06) 2.6 DELIVERY PLAN 2006/07

Members noted the delivery plan for 2006/07.

NWRSB(06) 2.7 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Members endorsed the customer satisfaction report and the approach being taken by the regional team.

NWRSB(06) 2.8 ACTIVE ENGLAND UPDATE

Members noted the progress on the Active England portfolio. The RSB complimented staff on the excellent work that had been completed against difficult time scales in completing the Active England projects. The RSB requested information on total numbers of people the investment will impact on. Active England is considered as a major public relations opportunity and it was agreed to write to the appropriate MPs in each area of investment.

NWRSB(06) 2.9 SPORTCITY, VELODROME & BRITISH CYCLING FEDERATION

Members debated the new management arrangements for Sportcity and the Velodrome and the associated implications. It was noted that the legal responsibility would stay with Sport England nationally but the requirement to influence the relevant bodies in development terms is a regional responsibility. The RSB requested that Sport England nationally were notified of their concerns regarding the capacity of the region to take on these responsibilities. Pam Jervis and John Townsend were nominated as representatives to be on the 50m Pool Trust board from June 2006. The RSB also gave in principle support to keeping Manchester as the home of British Cycling and supported the vision of the new BMX centre and velodrome developments.

NWRSB(06) 2.10 BUILDING CAPACITY AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

This paper provided the context with regards to the announcement for additional investment to support talent development in the region. £8.5million will come into the North West, which will be matched, from the Regional Community Investment Fund to create a £17million budget. It was agreed that 35% of the budget (£6million) would go to talent development and 65% (£11million) would go to building capacity.

NWRSB(06) 2.11 LOCAL AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT

This paper outlined the improvement agenda for Local Authorities and outlined the impact of Comprehensive Performance Assessment, Local Area Agreements, Towards An Excellent Service and the Regional Improvement Network. Members endorsed the cross cultural approach and agreed to explore the potential of a Northern Improvement Group. The significance of Local Area Agreements was noted.

NWRSB(06) 2.12 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING REPORT

Members were given a verbal briefing on the following days annual conference.

A Duckworth
May 2006