



## **NORTH WEST SPORTS BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2006**

Held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Bolton Arena

NWRSB (06)  
4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Paper 1.2

#### **PRESENT**

##### **CHAIRMAN**

Mr Andy Worthington

##### **MEMBERS**

Carole Hassan

Ann Hoskins

David Newton

John Bell

##### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Stewart Kellett

##### **OFFICERS**

Dave Hewson

Karen Keohane

Andrew Lee

Matthew Rushton

Alison Duckworth – taking minutes

#### **NWRSB(06) 4.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from: Anil Ruia, John Townsend, Phil Clarke, Colin Chaytors, Steve Parry, Dorian Dugmore and Pam Jervis.

#### **NWRSB(06) 4.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were agreed as an accurate record.

## MATTERS ARISING

It was reported to the board that Derek Mapp had been appointed as the new Chair to Sport England. It was also noted that Mike Farrar is the new Chief Executive of the North West Regional Health Authority and Ann Hoskins is the new Deputy Director of Public Health in the North West. The Chair of the Strategic Health Authority is David Henshaw, previously Chief Executive of Liverpool City Council. The board also welcomed the announcement from Gordon Brown about 4 hours school sport. The Chair agreed he will write to the Chancellor to welcome the announcement.

The Chair also advised the board that in the future all the Finance and Performance papers will be sent to every member of the board together with an open invitation to attend the F&P meetings which will be held prior to the main board meetings.

### NWRSB(06) 4.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### NWRSB(06) 4.4 FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SUB GROUP UPDATE

The Chair of the F&P sub group, Carole Hassan, gave an update on the groups work. She informed the board about 2 funding decisions which had been taken at the earlier meeting. The first decision related to investment of £270,000 for a new track at the Velodrome. The second decision was in relation to a Community Sports Coaches award at Greater Sport (£576,684 in principle).

A policy paper had also been considered in relation to increased awards giving a strong message that increased awards would not be considered apart from in exceptional circumstances. Members also considered the TAES improvement plan and this will be further considered at the next F&P meeting.

A report outlining the latest position on performance management was also considered together with the relevance of this work to a national project.

### NWRSB(06) 4.5 REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

The Regional Director presented his latest report highlighting key developments in the region since the last board meeting. It was noted that John Bell was the new nomination for the 50 Metre Pool Company to replace Pam Jervis who is unavailable for the meetings that take place Monday daytimes. In preparation for the RSB planning days the following items were noted:

Olympic Work integration

New strategic context ie changes in local government, LAA, health.

The new Chair's priorities including the private sector, performance measurement, grass roots activities, the Volunteer sector.

More effective utilisation of Regional Sports Board members.

### NWRSB(06) 3.8 DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

Members noted progress against the Delivery Plan 2006/07.

The delivery plan process is being reviewed at the moment and if board members wish to put forward any ideas please inform Dave Hewson who is meeting with Mihir Warty, Director of Policy and Performance.

### NWRSB(06) 4.6 REGIONAL SKILLS PLAN

Dian Shaw, North West Regional Manager from Skills Active gave an informative presentation which highlighted the main findings of the recently completed Sport and Active Leisure Workforce Plan. Copies of the slides are attached to these minutes.

The links to the local government national pay and workforce strategy were highlighted. It was also noted that sports coaching is now a priority for the LSC.

Board members highlighted the need to align the investment strategy to other funding sources. Members also noted that liaison between the RSB and the LSC is a key issue together with the need for a dialogue with academic providers to link supply and demand.

The Chair and the board thanked Dian for her detailed presentation.

### NWRSB(06) 4.7 COMMUNICATIONS, BOARD PROFILE AND THE EXTRANET

The Regional Director gave a brief presentation to the board on the North West on the Move Extranet. It is intended to use the Extranet as a means of communication with board members and other stakeholders.

Board members will receive an email supplying them with a login and a password. In future all board papers will be uploaded onto the Extranet.

### NWRSB(06) 4.8 TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Regional Director outlined in broad terms how the Talent Development investment would operate. There is currently negotiation taking place with 40 NGBs to identify their talent systems. The priorities will be identified nationally and then disaggregated to each of the nine regions. The deadline for this investment is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

Members debated regional strategies and priorities and criteria which could be used to develop a balanced score card. It was agreed to include this item as a session at the away days.

### NWRSB(06) 4.9 DELIVERY SYSTEM

Members received an update on the latest position regarding the delivery system and welcomed the national guidance and support materials which were contained in the papers. Members welcomed the opportunity to make progress regarding investment into the system.

NWRSB(06) 4.10 POLICY TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF LEISURE TRUSTS

Members welcomed the intention to undertake further research with this sector in order to identify the key issues and recommendations for action. Members debated different options for delivery which may arise from this piece of work.

NWRSB(06) 4.11 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC POSITION STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE REGION

Stewart Kellett introduced a draft submission of the regional legacy framework which is to be submitted for the consideration of the nations and regions group on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Following the outcome of this meeting the draft framework will form a basis of a series of sub-regional engagement workshops during December 2006 with the goal of developing a regional strategy and action plan for submission to LOCOG by end March 2007.

Members noted the content of this report.

NWRSB(06) 4.12 £1M CHALLENGE UPDATE

Jill Puttnam from PMP Consultancy gave an update on the monitoring and evaluation exercise PMP are undertaking. There are 39 live projects in the region and there is a workshop planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Man Utd, Old Trafford. Board members are invited to attend this workshop.

Board members discussed a need for research to help inform the evidence of what does and doesn't work in academic journals.

A Duckworth  
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