

## **NORTH WEST SPORTS BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

Held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 at Brookfield High School, Knowsley

#### **PRESENT**

##### **CHAIRMAN**

Andy Worthington

##### **MEMBERS**

Pam Jervis  
Ann Hoskins  
John Townsend  
John Bell  
David Newton  
Phil Clarke  
Steve Parry

##### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Stewart Kellett

##### **OFFICERS**

Dave Hewson  
Karen Keohane  
Andrew Lee  
Darren Adnett  
Jordan Russell  
Alison Duckworth – taking minutes

#### **NWRSB(07) 1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Anil Ruia, Colin Chaytors, Carole Hassan and Dorian Dugmore.

The Chair welcomed everyone to Brookfield Sports College and thanked Pam Jervis for the opportunity to host the board meeting at the venue. Pam Jervis then gave an overview of the college.

#### **NWRSB(07) 1.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

#### **NWRSB(07) 1.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **NWRSB(07) 1.4 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SUB GROUP UPDATE**

In the absence of Carole Hassan, Andy Worthington gave an update on the groups meeting advising that some projects are making a difference to our leverage targets such as Blackburn with Darwen BC.

It was decided that the Fairbridge project should be referred back for more information to strengthen the project.

The Chair explained that whilst our targets turnaround is very good, the leverage ratio is not so good but this is being addressed.

The F&P group agreed that the paper in the meeting regarding the Berners Pool Closure should be discussed in the main board meeting.

Members discussed the issues that have arisen from the closure of the pool and it was agreed to review the case again in 6 months time. Members were assured that the assessment process in place meant that this scenario could not happen again.

Members also agreed to de-commit the increased award of £57,336 not yet paid.

#### NWRSB(07) 1.5 REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

The Regional Director presented his latest report highlighting key developments in the region since the last board meeting.

He provided a summary of the visit by the new Sport England Chair, Derek Mapp explaining his desire to give more responsibility and accountability to the regions and the Regional Sports Boards.

He also explained the key activities over the next two months highlighted in his report.

The Chair explained he had attended the recent regional chairs meeting of which there will be one every quarter. The regional chairs group will feed into the main board. The Chair and the South West Chair, Ged Roddy, have been invited to be on the main board for the next 12 months.

#### NWRSB(07) 1.6 DELIVERY PLAN REPORTING FOR QUARTER 3

Members noted progress against the Delivery Plan 2006/07.

The Chair commented that our region is well on its way to achieving its targets for the year.

#### NWRSB(07) 1.7 ACTIVE PEOPLE SURVEY

Members were brought up to date with regards to the continued work being done with data from the Active People Survey.

A series of events has been held with various partners to explain the diagnostic tool and the data that can be extracted from this.

The CSP's are particularly keen to use these findings and Sport England are working closely with them and the Local Authorities to use the data.

#### NWRSB(07) 1.8 SUMMARY OF THE BOARD PLANNING DAYS

The Regional Director provided a report that summarised the two planning days held in Nov/Dec 2006 and the direction for our work in 2007/08.

It was agreed to look at the role of the board at the meeting in March, explore the analysis of the Active People survey and to refine the investment strategy.

Members also agreed that the Active People survey has provided data that declares the 14-21 year old age group is an age group that needs to be considered as a possible area of focus.

NWRSB(07)                    1.9 SHAPING OUR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Jordan Russell, Communications and Knowledge Manager, updated members on the Sport England communications strategy. She advised that there would be a full communications plan presented at the next board meeting in March and requested input from members on what information they would like to see in it and how best they can be employed by Sport England to use their specific skills.

NWRSB(07)                    1.10 2012 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND INTEGRATION WITH THE  
NW PLAN FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2008 – 2013

The Regional Director gave an update on the latest situation on 2012 in the region. There are plans to invite other people to join the 2012 strategy group and there is now a representative from the HE sector on the group. By the end of March the final stages of the strategy to take forward legacy in the region will be processed and the headings are: Sport, Major Events, Volunteering, Skills & Engagement, Tourism, Business and Culture.

The Olympic roadshows held in the region have been very productive. KKP were also involved in them and have picked up various prompts.

It was noted that Pam Jervis was representing the region on a national group of headteachers examining 2012 opportunities.

NWRSB(07)                    1.11 UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS

Members were made aware of the major projects highlighted in the paper.

NWRSB(07)                    1.12 STATE OF THE REGION

John Eady from KKP presented the findings from the scoping work carried out. The key objective is to develop a current baseline of data which is meaningful and useful for organisations.

Following final agreement of the brief, the Cultural Observatory will commission the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage piece of work for completion in Autumn 2007.

Date and time of next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
F&P 9am (all members welcome)  
Main board: 10.30am  
Venue: Royal School for the Deaf and Communication Disorders

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February 2007