

East Midlands NGB Officer Forum
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2011
Sports Park, Loughborough

Present

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| Charlie Bethel | GB Wheelchair Basketball | Russell Turner | Sport England |
| Tracey Francis | English Cricket Board | Alex Hadley | Rugby Football Union |
| | | Dan Newton | Derbyshire Sport |
| Noel Haines | L&R Sport | Ray Ashley | EFDS |
| Martin Crowder | Golf Foundation | Adam Blaze | Sport England |
| Samantha Harding | British Gymnastics | Chris Rolle | Nottinghamshire Sport |
| Terri Elliot | Judo | John Davis | England Squash |
| Anthony Gill | British Cycling | Gary Sheppard | Northamptonshire Sport |
| Hanya Pielichaty | Lincolnshire Sport | Pauline Olivant | Orienteering |
| Neil Twitchett | Tennis | Pete Ezard | SCUK |
| Jenny Spencer | Canoe England | Chris Mallender | Athletics |
| David Butler | Rugby Football League | Ilana Freestone | Sport England |
| Louise Key | England Netball | Jilly Holroyd | Sport England |
| Alex Hains | ASA East Midlands | Tom Tsang | Rugby Football league |
| Carolynn Ryan | ETTA | Gill Barham | GB Equestrian |
| Jay Popat | GB Wheelchair BB | Arran Goggan | Archery GB |

Apologies

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| Sharon Heeley | England Golf | Jayant Mistry | EFDS |
| James Watmough | Badminton England | Roger Glithero | ASA |
| Anne Henderson | Netball England | Gareth Brookes | RYA |
| Chris Wright | YST | Simon Dowdy | Hockey |
| John Folwell | The FA | | |

Summary of actions from the meeting

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| 1.0 | <p>Welcomes and minutes of the last meeting CB welcomed all to the meeting and a round the table introduction was carried out. CB thanks NH for providing a room.</p> <p>It was noted that NGB attendance was vastly improved to the previous meeting and thanks were given to the planning group for the agenda and to NGB officers for attending.</p> <p>Before starting the meeting formally, members of the forum were asked to think about topics for discussion at future meetings and a volunteer is needed to be part of the planning group.</p> | |
| 2.0 | <p>Landscape update IF / AB and Jilly Holroyd spoke to this item. Began by showing a DVD of the addresses by Jennie Price and Steve Grainger at the recent National Development Directors meeting.</p> | |

t this meeting, JP gave an insight into the political and sporting landscape, the challenges facing NGBs and the sports system in general & the possible opportunities that may exist moving forward.

SG spoke about the unprecedented speed of change in education and the impact on SSPs. There are a number of major changes including new academy status for schools; the new curriculum and the extending of the legal age for school leavers.

JP concluded with some important messages about the current funding cycle. NGB funding has been largely protected from the cuts made in other areas. Sport is now halfway through the 09 – 13 funding cycle and the case for investment in an NGB led system still needs to be made. Government is now asking if the strategy to invest in sport was the right one – Can sport deliver?

AP4 has not helped as it shows more sports with falling participation than increasing. There is not enough growth or sustain across the network. The one million target is still real and Government's main priorities are:

- 1) Focus on return on investment – impact for investment
- 2) Growing participation to new people

There is no appetite to change messages or measures – the best WSP have non traditional markets at the heart, catering for a mass market and casual participation – a challenge for some NGBs **16+ is the absolute must focus on priority** for NGBs and this is the message that NGBs should be giving to it's staff and partners.

JP guaranteed the full support of Sport England staff as no one is standing around waiting for NGBs to fail – if NGBs fail, we all fail.

On conclusion of the DVD, RT / AB / IF gave an update on national and local developments, including the local government perspective. The group split into groups to discuss the DVD and landscape developments.

RT spoke about the massive changes in local government and the biggest impact is going to be around facilities, Sports development expertise going through cuts and structural organisations being removed.

Changes to the public health structure will see more responsibility move to the Local Authority (County Councils / Unitary authority). Sport needs to be well placed to demonstrate it can help with public health targets and that it is worth investing in.

Role of the CSP will be very important as the system becomes more fragmented and stretched – knowing who is around and what their priorities are. It is therefore important the NGB / CSP relationship is strong and the two are closely linked.

CSPs then gave individual county by county updates.
Leicestershire: number of changes locally, including a number of authorities needing to save money which could result in loss of

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| | <p>sports development personnel. LRS also restructuring and there will be job losses from within the core team as no funding for the 15 Physical Activity officers and other staff members – however, CSP will continue to prioritise NGB work irrespective of structure / staffing.</p> <p>Northamptonshire: Many authorities still not clear about possible cuts, budget decisions still be worked through. However, there are likely to be cuts to sports development officers in the county; CSP structure to remain fairly consistent, certainly for the next 12 months; SSPs – no county solution at present – individual SSPs looking at their own future whilst discussions about a county solution are on going</p> <p>Lincs – 3 SDOs at present and being moved towards priorities. Asset transfer is happening between two authorities; some SSPs staff already in receipt of redundancy letters; Schools Olympic pilot.</p> <p>Derbyshire – briefing note attached</p> <p>Nottinghamshire – Presentation attached</p> <p>IF concluded this agenda item with some further information on NGB performance and AP4 information. SE is now discussing with sports nationally how they will improve on their performance towards the 1m target. Some sports will be notified of budget claw back; others are having targets amended. There are a number of key sports that have big growth potential and have had big investment – they now need to deliver.</p> <p>SE offices being phased out into 3 regions – north, south and central. Central to be based at the Sports Park.</p> | |
| 3.0 | <p>Small grants scheme / Sports Match</p> <p>James Buller and Andrew Wright did a joint presentation on the two schemes. SE looking to improve the quality of applications rather than the quantity of applications, although East Midlands is only fifth best performing region in Small grants and worst performing for Sportsmatch. A copy of the presentation is attached.</p> <p>A list of recent awards was circulated for information which contained the group and the amount awarded. The meeting split into groups to discuss a number of case studies and to see what advice would be given.</p> <p>Funding team is available to answer questions, provide advice but role of NGB and CSP important in supporting projects. GS asked if it could be a compulsory element in the application process that projects have the CSP and or NGB signature on it but this is not legally possible due to lottery rules. The meeting then broke for lunch</p> | |
| 4.0 | <p>Update on CSP core specification</p> <p>Phil Smith, Director of Sport at Sport England joined the meeting. CB opened the floor up for questions. GS asked about accountability in the system and PS answered that all we</p> | |

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| | <p>accountable for the targets – national agenda for 16+ growth and locally this needs to owned and promoted by all parties.</p> <p>GS asked about Sports Leaders legacy strand as limited information available. PS gave some further details but still be worked up – much of it is tied into the tender process that SE will need to go through but in essence it is a national training resource, delivered by a national organisation but using local structures such as the CSP network, for leaders ‘new’ to sport. It will be an entry level type course, below UKCC level 1. At the moment £2m over 2years, but this is likely to increase.</p> <p>It is complimentary with Step into Sport / Young leadership academies as it is 16+ and for those who are inspired by the Olympics and want to create more local opportunities. It is not a qualification as such but a means of getting people better trained and on the leadership / coaching pathway.</p> <p>TF asked why a new course was being developed when there were courses around e.g. cricket have a course that is a generic course which could be used. PS said he would look into other courses that exist.</p> <p>GS then ran through a presentation (prepared by NH at LRS) on the revised Core Specification – presentation attached. Following the presentation the meeting split into groups to discuss how the new core specification and the relationship between the CSPs and NGBs can be developed to ensure coordinated and effective delivery.</p> | |
| 5.0 | <p>A.O.B DN – Update available from Derbyshire Sport on their proposed structure as of April 2011.</p> <p>GS – If NGBs have any Professional development courses they would like advertising please send to GS by 18th February 2011.</p> <p>GS – next edition of the Northamptonshire Get Back into Sport programme out soon</p> <p>CB - Would NGB Officers please make suggestions for future agenda items, either by email or by completing the evaluation form (to be circulated with the minutes or available for download on the forum website)</p> <p>CB - The Forum planning group are looking for another NGB officer (to represent NGBs in general) – please let GS know if interested.</p> | |
| 6.0 | <p>DNM Wednesday 8th June 2011 - Loughborough Sports Park.</p> | |