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## Minutes of the 3rd Meeting: 8 May 2000

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### **Government Sports Strategy: A Sporting Future for All"**

*The Government has published its long-awaited sports strategy which sets out its ideas for improving sport in England. Produced by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport in collaboration with the Department for Education & Employment, it places particular emphasis on developing sport for young people and on the need to modernise the organisations which run sport.*

- 1 Members were encouraged by the proposals in the Strategy and felt that much of its thinking could be extended beyond England to all parts of the UK. At the same time they felt:
  - that the Strategy does not adequately recognise the role and funding requirements of local authorities.
  - that the Government's statements of intent about school sport needed to be backed up by additional resources from the Department for Education & Employment.
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- 2 The Chairman will be writing to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport about these issues and to urge him to enter into dialogue with relevant Ministers in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland about the possible UK-wide application of the Strategy.

### **International Sports Development**

*Many countries operate sizeable international sports development programmes funded directly by government. This is because it is now widely recognised that sport has the power and potential to help address some of the critical development issues around the world such as youth delinquency, literacy, and health promotion. It is an area in which the UK is an acknowledged leader and one which offers UK Sport significant opportunities to promote the UK abroad and develop important alliances.*

- 3 Members reviewed the international development work being undertaken by UK Sport and the several "Memoranda of Understanding" which the UK has entered into with other countries so as to formalise the exchange of information, knowledge and expertise about sport. A number of measures were agreed which will ensure that the programme continues to be well-planned and contribute effectively to UK Sport's overall strategic objectives.

### **The Council of Europe**

*The Council of Europe (CofE) is an inter-governmental organisation based in Strasbourg with some 50 countries in membership. UK Sport has been designated by the*

Government as its sporting representative on the Council. The CofE is involved in sport because it considers sport to play an important role in society, particularly in terms of its contribution to public health. The CofE is active on two fronts:

- Promoting 'sport for all' as a means of improving quality of life, facilitating social integration and contributing to social cohesion, particularly among young people;
- Fostering tolerance through sport and defending sport against the serious threats currently facing it.

Members reviewed UK Sport's participation in the CofE, reaffirmed the significance of the institution and agreed the basis upon which UK Sport should be involved in the future.

## **Pre-Sydney Review**

*UK Sport is undertaking a comprehensive review of the way in which it invests its National Lottery and Exchequer funds in support of sports governing bodies and athletes. Taking account of medium-term projections about the amount of money which is likely to be produced by Lottery ticket sales, the organisation is reassessing its priorities before the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games so that sports know in good time on what financial basis they will need to plan when they return from Sydney.*

- 4 Members agreed in principle the criteria which should in future be used to assess sports and guide investment decisions. While there are a number of inter-related criteria which will be applied, the most important is likely to be the "medal potential" of individual sports. The Council will be returning to this issue at its next meeting in July, when it will also receive recommendations on the long-term core funding of its top priority sports.

## **UK Awards Panel: Report of Meetings held on 27 March 2000 & 17 April 2000 (UKSC 30 2000)**

*The UK Awards Panel has responsibility for considering and making recommendations to full Council on governing body funding policy and related applications for both Exchequer and Lottery grants.*

- 5 Members endorsed the recommendations of the Panel in respect of the following Lottery World Class Performance Programme applications, thus agreeing
- British Equestrian Federation (1 May 2000 to 31 December 2000)
  - British Water Ski Federation (1 March 2000 to 31 October 2000)
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- 6 Members also endorsed the recommendations of the Panel in respect of the following Exchequer funding applications:
- British Gymnastics (1 April 2000-31 March 2001) (and British Schools Gymnastics Association)
  - Great Britain Ice Hockey Board (to March 2001)
  - British Universities Sports Association (1 April 2000 to 30 September 2001)
  - Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association (1 January-31 December 2000)
  - Modern Pentathlon Association Of Great Britain (1 April 2000 - 31 March 2001)
  - British Badminton Olympic Committee (1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001)

- Grand National Archery Society (1 January-31 October 2000)
  - British Parachute Association (1 July 2000-30 June 2001)
  - British Association for Sport & Exercise Sciences (1 April 2000 - 31 March 2001)
- 7 Members also confirmed an award for the next two years to UK Competitors, the independent body set up to represent the interests of athletes from the body of UK Sport's partner sports.

### **UKSI Central Services Team**

*UK Sport is in the process of setting up a "Central Services Team" to coordinate the UK Sports Institute network. A Lottery application is being made by UK Sport to the four Home Country Sports Councils to meet the revenue costs of the Team..*

- 8 Members noted that sportscotland will be making an assessment of the Lottery application on behalf of the Home Country Sports Councils. A report will be submitted to each of the Councils and sportscotland will also lead on the coordination and administration of any Lottery award. Members also agreed to proceed with the establishment of a UKSI Committee

### **Major Events Steering Group: Report of Meeting Held on 13 April 2000 (UKSC 32 2000)**

*The Major Events Steering Group has responsibility for considering and making recommendations to full Council on major events policy and applications to the Lottery-funded World Class Events Programme*

- 9 Members endorsed the recommendations of the Major Events Steering Group in respect of the following forthcoming events
- 2000 Rugby League World Cup (Oct 2000)
  - 2000 Finn Gold Cup (Sailing) (Weymouth, June 2000)
  - 2001 IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships (Bristol, October 2001)
  - 2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships (Birmingham, 2003) (award made in respect of bidding costs)

## **Ethics: Preliminary Work Programme**

*UK Sport is committed to supporting athletes to win medals. However, it has been one of the Council's founding principles that winning means winning fairly, and that all parts of the sporting community - athletes, coaches, officials, agents, promoters, sponsors et al - should conduct their business in an appropriate manner - that is, with openness, honesty, dignity and integrity. With the recent appointment of a dedicated member of staff to manage the Ethics Programme, UK Sport is now able to begin the challenging task of defining the ethics agenda and achieving a comprehensive and consistent framework for sports ethics throughout the UK.*

- 10 Members received a report about the work undertaken to date to prepare a vision, strategy and action framework for the Council's work in sports ethics. They confirmed the particular importance of seeking a consistent value-set throughout sport in order to advance the ethics agenda and agreed that the immediate priorities for action should be the protection of the individual and anti-doping.