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## Minutes of the 4th Meeting: 10 July 2000

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### **Anti-Doping Programmes for the Sydney Olympic Games**

*Given its responsibilities for carrying out drug tests "in the public interest", UK Sport naturally attaches great importance to the testing of British athletes in the run-up to the Olympic Games. The Council therefore took the opportunity to review the arrangements for the testing programme in the period leading up to the forthcoming Sydney Games. A particular problem presented to the authorities at this time is the logistic difficulty of managing a positive test result - should one occur - immediately prior to, or even during, the Games.*

- 1 Members confirmed that the Olympic drug testing programme administered by UK Sport should continue up to the point where athletes enter the Games Village (taking into account reporting times where possible). They acknowledged that UK Sport will not be the only agency carrying out testing before and during the Games and that it was therefore impossible to rule out the possibility of other organisations bringing forward test results after British athletes have entered the Village.

### **Financial Arrangements for Drug Testing (UKSC 33 2000)**

*UK Sport establishes an annual drug testing budget on the basis of a carefully drawn-up testing programme. However, the scientific and legal complexities now associated with testing mean that budgets are being placed under increasing pressure.*

- 2 To ensure that existing levels of testing can be maintained, Members approved a number of changes to the financial arrangements, to be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2001, including :
  - the provision of a standard package of information at review, disciplinary and appeal stage;
  - the introduction of charges on governing bodies or athletes for B sample analysis (based on the principle that such costs should be the responsibility of those requesting the additional analysis rather than defrayed across the whole programme)
  - the introduction of charges for preparation for relevant disciplinary hearings and attendance at hearings (such charges being consistent with the rates charged by expert witnesses who attend on behalf of governing bodies or athletes).

### **Child Protection in Sport**

*The Child Protection Task Force is a multi-agency group which has been set up by Sport England to develop a sports-wide action plan for child protection within sport. The matter was brought before the Council because child protection issues have been identified in UK Sport's ethics work programme and because there is a clear need to ensure a UK-wide approach to this important matter.*

- 3 Members endorsed the founding principles of child protection work in sport identified by the Task Force; agreed that the initiative should be concerned also with helping coaches and others to avoid putting themselves at risk of "malicious allegations"; and urged that an early assessment should also be made of the experience in other countries and sectors (especially health and education) of developing child protection policies and procedures

### **UK Awards Panel: Report of Meetings held on 23 May and 19 June 2000 (UKSC 45 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.*

- 4 Members endorsed the recommendations of the Panel in respect of 21 sports already within the Lottery World Class Performance Programme in order to confirm awards to those sports through to 31 March 2001.
- 5 Members then made a number of decisions concerning the advance core funding of the following sports for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2005:
- Athletics
  - Disability athletics
  - Swimming
  - Disability Swimming
  - Cycling
  - Rowing
  - Canoeing
  - Equestrian Sports
  - Judo
  - Modern Pentathlon
  - Triathlon
- 6 UK Sport will be writing to Performance Directors to advise them that the recommended funding will be confirmed by a formal offer of award in the first quarter of 2001 (ie. after the Olympic and Paralympic Games), once the Council has definitively agreed four-year programme funding for each sport. The purpose of this approach is to provide governing bodies with a "guaranteed" minimum core level of funding to enable them to extend contracts of key staff and hire domestic training facilities in advance of the formal award offer.
- 7 Members also endorsed the recommendations of the Panel in respect of Lottery awards to:
- British Ski and Snowboarding Federation (enhanced support for two nominated snowboarders prior to the 2002 Winter Olympics)
  - National Ice Skating Association (NISA) (1 July to 30 September 2000)
  - Women's Wheelchair Basketball (BWBA) (Paralympic Games preparation)
- 8 Exchequer funding awards were also made to :
- Amateur Rowing Association (ARA)
  - British Judo Association (BJA) (1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001)

- British Ski and Snowboard Federation (BSSF) (1 August 2000 to 31 July 2001)
- Olympic Taekwondo (Olympic training programmes)