
Minutes of the 3rd Meeting: 19 March 2001

Funding Agreement 2001/2004

The Funding Agreement is the medium through which the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and UK Sport agree a set of high-level targets which UK Sport will aim to deliver in return for the public money it receives from the Government over a three-year period.

- N= Members approved a draft paper forming the basis for the preparation of the final 2001/2004 Funding Agreement to be signed by the Secretary of State and the Chairman by 31 March 2001. The Agreement will be based around a dozen or so measures reflecting the organisation's plans for all its major areas of work.

UK Sports Institute

- O= Members took a critical look at the progress in establishing the UK Sports Institute network. Services are developing as a result of different partnerships but, while the objective is for there to be a UK-wide framework, what emerges will be different in different parts of the UK. Members considered that more attention should be given to the branding of the Institute, and that every opportunity should be taken to publicise the many good news stories inherent in the various initiatives clearly being developed with individual sports.

Selection and De-selection Guidelines

The way in which a sporting body selects athletes for teams and squads is one of the most visible expressions of the way in which it conducts its affairs. Selection decisions can have a far-reaching effect on athletes' careers and may raise significant legal issues as well. The Council considered a set of guidelines, developed by a multi-agency group, designed to help governing bodies ensure they are operating selection policies which are fair, transparent, consistent and accessible. The guidelines also emphasise the need for selection panels to be accountable, and for the decisions they make to be clearly and promptly communicated.

- P= Members endorsed the proposed Guidelines as the basis for discussion with individual governing bodies regarding their own selection and de-selection policies. The Council will be expecting governing bodies to develop or revise their selection policies in accordance with the Guidelines in the shortest possible time, so that they are fully compliant with the principles of the Guidelines within two years.

Anti-Doping Measures for Athletes with a Disability

The Council had previously considered this subject in November 2000, when an issue

had arisen about the jurisdiction of certain governing bodies for managing the test results of disabled athletes. There had been a particular concern that some Paralympians who had received Lottery funding did not come within the jurisdiction of the testing programme. Members noted at the time that meetings were being arranged with those governing bodies which had not been prepared to assume responsibility for the testing of disabled athletes.

- Q- Members endorsed a set of proposals for achieving comprehensive policies and procedures for the testing of all athletes. These include an analysis of the information being provided by governing bodies on the annual anti-doping registration form (this will provide a much clearer indication of the current status of governing bodies) and making use of the opportunities provided by the introduction of the new UK anti-doping policy.

Report of Major Events Steering Group held on 14 February 2001

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

- R- Council endorsed the following Lottery-funding recommendations of the Major Events Steering Group in respect of the 2003 European Cross Country Championships; agreed to support the bid of the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain for the 2003 Junior European Swimming and Diving Championships, and upheld its previous award for the 2001 World Senior Amateur Boxing Championships in Belfast.
- S- Members also agreed to reduce from five years to four the period during which a sports event supported through the World Class Events Programme cannot be supported again, this measure to be strictly monitored and used only for events of high strategic importance. This change is intended to help align major events policy with World Class Performance cycles and assist UK athletes, especially where the domestic staging of an event is possible.

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meetings held on 19 February and 4/5 March 2001

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. Over recent months the Panel has been undertaking a comprehensive review of the way in which it invests its funds in support of sports governing bodies and athletes. At the February Council meeting, four-year World Class Performance Programme awards were agreed for UK Sport's four Priority 1 sports – athletics, cycling, sailing and rowing. Attention now turned to sports in the Council's Priority 2, 3 and 4 categories – and to the Paralympic sports.

- T- Prefacing their decisions by an agreement to seek to apply WCPP funds with greater flexibility than in the past, the Council agreed four-year awards (through to March 2005) to the following:

Priority Two

- Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain (given swimming's relatively poor performance at the Sydney Olympics, this award will be kept under close review, particularly in the event of any further key personnel changes taking place in the

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Federation.

- British Equestrian Federation
- British Canoe Union
- British Judo Association
- Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain
- Great Britain Target Shooting Federation

Priority Three

- British Triathlon Association
- Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain – Diving

U- Other Priority Three awards were made as follows

- British Amateur Gymnastics Association:
Women's Artistic (one-year award and in principle support to 31 March 2005);
Sport Acrobatics/Tumbling (award to 31 January 2002, but kept under review,
particularly in the event of Beijing being successful in its bid for the 2008 Olympic
Games and the possibility arising of acrobatics being included in the programme
for that Games;
Trampolining (one-year award and in principle support to 31 March 2005)

V- Four-year awards were made to Paralympic sports as follows

Priority One

- UK Athletics (Performance Athlete Services)
- Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain

NM- Other awards were made as follows:

Priority Two

- Grand National Archery Society (Olympic and Paralympic discipline) (award to 31 March 2002)
- Great Britain Disabled Powerlifting (award to 30 September 2001)
- British Paraplegic Shooting Association (award to 30 June 2001).

Priority Three

- Great Britain Boccia (award to 30 September 2001)

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- British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities (award to 31 March 2002)

Priority Four

- Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association (award to 31 March 2003, supplemented by an Exchequer award to support the women's programme and junior men)
- Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Association (award to 31 December 2001)
- British Blind Sport – Goalball (award to 31 March 2002)
- British Disabled Fencing Association (award to 31 March 2002)
- British Tennis Foundation – Wheelchair Tennis (Athlete Personal Awards to 7 athletes to 31 March 2002, subject to performance review)

British Paralympic Association

- Lottery and Exchequer awards to 31 March 2002, with in-principle support to 31 March 2005

NO- Members also considered the Panel's proposals for providing additional (Lottery and Exchequer) support to certain winter Olympic Sports in the run up to Salt Lake City. In this respect, the following awards were agreed:

- Alpine Sport (Exchequer award to support a two week fitness camp for nine athletes in Lofer, Austria)
- Bobsleigh (award for the purchase of a mobile push start, and for research and development into runners, bob, aerodynamics and testing)
- Bob Skeleton (award for research and development into runners, and the employment of a full time ice coach)

Exchequer Grants

NO- Members then endorsed the following Exchequer-funding recommendations of the Panel:

- British Equestrian Federation (BEF) (for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001)
- Great Britain Target Shooting Federation (for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001)
- National Sports Medicine Institute (first quarter for the period 1 April 2001 to 30 June 2001).
- National Coaching Foundation (standstill award for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March)
- British Fencing (for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 and, in lieu of a World Class Potential Programme for fencing, including support for several talented junior fencers)

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- UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disabilities (for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 July 2001)
- National Ice Skating Association (one-year award for the post of Technical Director with a further two years agreed in principle)

NP- Members also considered the Panel's recommendations on two proposals for inclusion in the UK Sport Modernisation Programme, to be funded from new Exchequer resources. In this respect awards were agreed for

- British Cycling Federation (three years award for the appointment of a Human Resource Manager)
- British Gymnastics (one-off award for structural review)

NQ- Finally Members considered representations from the British Orienteering Federation (BOF) about the problems caused to training programmes by the current foot-and-mouth disease epidemic. A decision to provide BOF with resources to enable athletes to continue their training programmes overseas was deferred to the Chair of the Awards Panel and the Chief Executive.