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## Minutes of the 5th Meeting: 9 July 2001

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### UKSC Exchequer and Lottery Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001

*UK Sport receives income from two principle sources – directly from the Government (“Exchequer funding”) and, being a distributor of National Lottery funds, from the National Lottery development Fund (“Lottery funding). The organisation maintains separate accounts for the two funding types.*

- 1 Members approved the 2000/1 Exchequer and Lottery accounts for signature by the Chairman and Chief Executive, the former being subject at the time to final review by the National Audit Office.

### Anti-Doping Programme for the 2002 Commonwealth Games

*The 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester will be the first major multi-sport Games since the Sydney Olympics, which were widely acclaimed for their robust approach to anti-doping. The Games represent an ideal opportunity for the UK to demonstrate its strong anti-doping stance and effective procedures, and to work in harmony with the Commonwealth Games Federation, the World Anti-Doping Agency, International Sports Federations and Commonwealth Games Associations in the UK.*

- 2 Members noted that the overall testing programme, coordinated by UK Sport, should preferably involve the pre-event testing of domestic athletes and testing of visiting athletes on arrival in the UK (the first time this will have taken place), as well as testing at the Games themselves. A number of procedural and resource issues nevertheless needed to be resolved before a comprehensive testing programme could be constructed along these lines.
- 3 Members emphasised that the approach of the Commonwealth Games reinforced the importance of all the key governing bodies signing up to UK Sport’s Statement of Anti-Doping Policy and urged that stringent testing programme proposed should be extensively publicised.

### Women in Sport

*All five Sports Councils in the UK are committed to the development of sport for women. While the Home Country Sports Councils tend to focus on grass roots sport in this respect, UK Sport is primarily concerned with the needs of women athletes at the high performance end of the spectrum. It also coordinates the UK’s important contribution to the international women and sport movement.*

- 4 Members considered a progress report on the Women and Sport Action Plan it had

originally adopted in July 1999. In particular Members agreed to establish a UK Co-ordinating Group on Women and Sport, with representation drawn from across the sporting community to develop and monitor the implementation a UK wide strategy and to provide leadership and facilitate co-ordination across the home countries.

## UK Awards Panel

*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. The Panel has also started to make awards from new funds provided by the Government specifically to support the "modernisation" of sports governing bodies – in other words, to ensure that governing bodies are operating on the basis of a sound policy framework and in accordance with the principles of effective corporate governance. In the last couple of months, the Panel has been looking particularly closely at the way in which the Council's Lottery and Exchequer awards complement each other and has been developing a range of "partnership action plans" to define and circumscribe the full range of UK Sport's work with governing bodies.*

- 5 Members endorsed the recommendations of the Panel for funding to:
- Amateur Rowing Association (Lottery: special projects fund)
  - National Ice Skating Association for the period 1 September 2001 to 30 September 2002 (Lottery)
  - British Curling Association for the period 1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002 (Exchequer)
  - Great Britain Luge Association/British Biathlon Association: awards made in support of the final preparation phase leading to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City (Exchequer)
  - National Sports Medicine Institute to 31 December 2001 (Exchequer), with commitments beyond this date being subject to the outcome of a comprehensive review of the NSMI's role in the overall context of sports medicine provision, to be completed in the autumn.
  - UK Athletics/Performance Athlete Services (Exchequer modernisation fund)

## UK Sports Institute

- 6 The UK Sport Institute Board has been created to guide and shape the delivery of UK Sports Institute services throughout the UK-wide network. In this regard, the Board has been considering an overarching vision statement for the Institute. Following discussion about the vision statement, Members agreed that the aim of the Institute should be reformulated "to support UK Sport's aim for the United Kingdom to be one of the world's top five sporting nations". The next UKSI Board meeting will be considering performance indicators to help define this aim.

## Report of Major Events Steering Group held on 7 June 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. The June meeting of the Group had taken place in Belfast during an event (the World Amateur Boxing Championships) actually being supported by UK Sport through the World Class Events Programme.*

- 7 Members endorsed the recommendation of the Major Events Steering Group in respect of a provisional award to the 2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham, and agreed to provide in principle support to the 2003 World Badminton Championships, also in Birmingham, subject to the receipt of further information on television rights.

### Other business

- 8 Members noted that British Olympic Association (BOA) had recently written to the Home Country Commonwealth Games Councils to alert them to an extension of the BOA arrangements at the Gold Coast camp in Australia (which had proved so successful in relation to the Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games) - and to the possible (joint) use of the facilities by the home country teams prior to the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.