

Public Consultation on Future Funding of High Performance Sport in the UK

Consultation Process

- To ensure that the consultation is independent and impartial two independent consultation agencies, **Future Thinking** and **The Sports Consultancy**, have been commissioned by UK Sport to conduct the consultation and analyse the consultation responses.
- The brief to the agencies was to effectively run all aspects of the consultation to ensure that consultees are able to debate the issues in an informed way but also freely and openly and that their contributions will be meaningful to the overall review itself.
- The questions have been proposed by Future Thinking and The Sports Consultancy following discussions with UK Sport about the brief of the consultation, and have subsequently been agreed by UK Sport. Both the online consultation and workshop events will allow for plenty of opportunities for additional input and feedback from those taking part.
- The consultation will open to the public on **4 June**, with an online survey available for anyone to complete. This will stay open **until 19 August** (11 weeks).
- Future Thinking and The Sports Consultancy will also be hosting workshops for stakeholders, partners, politicians and the public in the coming months.
- System stakeholders and partners will receive invites to take part in these workshops from **4 June**.
- Members of the public will be invited by Future Thinking and The Sports Consultancy to take part in focus groups to inform the consultation.
- The public focus groups will be made up of a cross-section of the UK population.
- The workshops will be independently conducted, run and the feedback captured and analysed by The Sports Consultancy and Future Thinking.
- To ensure that there is good representative sample of views (both public and stakeholder) Future Thinking and The Sports Consultancy will ensure that a sufficient volume of members of the public will be encouraged to input to the online consultation.
- All consultation responses (both online and from the workshops) will be analysed by Future Thinking and The Sports Consultancy and summarised for the UK Sport Board in an independent report.
- Responses will be presented in the final report in a way which makes it clear which stakeholder groups/individuals have made which points/arguments. These will all be presented and considered with equal merit.
- This will be considered alongside other evidence-gathering being commissioned by UK Sport to enable the UK Sport Board to make fully informed decisions as to the future funding strategy of high performance sport in the UK.
- Other evidence-gathering exercises include a series of 'think tank' sessions with external industry experts to generate ideas and options that will challenge existing thinking and approaches.
- There will also be a series of sessions with athletes.
- The UK Sport Board will, with all the evidence it has, decide the future funding strategy for the post-Tokyo 2020 period which we will aim to communicate to stakeholders, partners and the public by early **2019**.
- The final independent consultation report will also be published on the UK Sport website at this time.