

## **SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PERFORMANCE) MEETING**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Performance SMIG held on Thursday 16 June 2016 in the National Stadium at Windsor Park.

### **PRESENT**

- Chair: Andrea Bingham (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Dr Shaun Ogle (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Ian Robinson (UK Sport)
- Dr. Eugene Young (Gaelic Athletic Association)
- Elaine Reid (Disability Sports Northern Ireland)
- Robert McVeigh (Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council)
- Michael McGeehan (Coaching Ireland<sup>1</sup>)
- Paul McDermott (Sport Ireland)
- Ian Taylor (Skillsactive)

### **In attendance:**

- Dr Paul Donnelly, Secretariat (Sport Northern Ireland)

### **1. APOLOGIES**

- Apologies were received from Michael Black (Irish Rugby Football Union – Ulster Branch), Roy Millar (Northern Ireland Sports Forum), Stephen Martin (Olympic Council of Ireland).

### **2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Performance SMIG. The Chair thanked the outgoing Performance Chair, Brian Delaney for his work in driving discussion and action in relation to the area of Performance.
- 2.2 The Chair encouraged all Members to respond to the Programme for Government 2016-21 Consultation on behalf of their organisation and on behalf of Sport.
- 2.3 The Chair highlighted Sport NI's Transformation Programme and its plans to strengthen the Board and the way in which Sport NI plans to support the development of sport.

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<sup>1</sup> Coaching Ireland is now integrated within Sport Ireland



- 2.4 The Chair wished the Northern Ireland football team the best for the European Championships, alongside the athletes representing Team GB and Team Ireland at the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio.

### **3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and approved by all in attendance.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1 The Chair reviewed the actions from the previous SMIG meeting and asked members to update on their respective actions:

Action 1: Sport NI to circulate terms of reference (if available) relating to the process for identifying/using Sporting Ambassadors (*COMPLETED*)

Action 2: ScUK to circulate information associated with coaching week (*COMPLETED*).

- 4.2 The Chair thanked all members for their contributions to Matters Arising.

### **5. MEMBER UPDATES**

- 5.1 The Chair asked Members to provide a verbal update on significant actions that have been undertaken (since the last meeting) by each of the representative organisations which contributed to the implementation of Sport Matters.

- 5.2 Members heard of a range of initiatives and areas of progress, such as:

- a. Update on bid to host the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games in Belfast, and preparations for 2018 Gold coast (Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council);
- b. Setting of medal targets for Rio 2016 and management of funding requests for Tokyo Cycle, Sharing of practitioner knowledge across home countries (UK Sport);
- c. Casement re-development, use of Abbotstown as a training and learning centre for the GAA, Strategy Development 2016-2020 (Ulster Council GAA);
- d. Coaching Strategy development, ongoing work with NGBs (e.g. IRFU and GAA), 2017 National Coaching Conference, active involvement in the EU Expert Groups (Coaching Ireland);
- e. Preparations for Rio 2016, Ongoing work between Sport NI and Sport Ireland [Board and Staff], changing remit of Sport Ireland (Sport Ireland)



- f. Uncertainty around funding [e.g. threat to ACE Programme], New Sports Strategy in England – its priorities and challenges (Skillsactive)
- g. Launch of Inclusive Sport Award (open to all NGBs), BOCCIA Development, progress of local athletes, Wheel Basketball, Active Clubs (Disability Sports NI); and
- h. 2014 Commonwealth Games Review, launch of Sport Clubs and Sporting Winners, links with Sport Ireland and UK Sport (Sport NI).

## **6. SPORT MATTERS PROGRESS REPORT 2015-2016**

- 6.1 The Chair made members aware that a progress reporting template is to be issued by Dr Paul Donnelly in August 2016, for completion in advance of the next SMIG meeting in November 2017.

**Action 1: All members to consider the progress reporting template and provide an approved response by 7 October 2016.**

## **7. SPORT MATTERS ACTION PLAN 2015-2019**

- 7.1 The Chair introduced the action plan (1 April 2015-31 March 2019) which is seen as a 'living' document which can be amended based on changes that may arise in terms of policy, strategy, work priorities and budget and availability.

**Action 2: All members to advise of any amendments and/or inclusions to be articulated in the report for approval by 26 August 2016.**

## **8. PRESENTATION BY PAUL MCDERMOTT - SPORT IRELAND**

- 8.1 PMcD provided Members with a detailed presentation on their strategic approach to the development of a high performance system in the south of Ireland. A copy of the full presentation is available at:

<http://www.sportni.net/about-us/sports-strategy/>

- 8.2 The Chair thanked PMcD for his presentation and congratulated Sport Ireland on their efforts on their approach to working with and supporting governing bodies and for their efforts in work collaboratively with Sport Northern Ireland to create an effective sporting system on the island of Ireland.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9.1 No other business was recorded.



**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 10.1 The Chair advised that dates for the next SMIG meetings will be confirmed following the Sport Matters Monitoring Group meeting.