

SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PERFORMANCE) MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes of the 13th meeting of the Performance SMIG held on Friday 27 October 2017 at the House of Sport.

PRESENT

- Chair: Kyle Ferguson (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Dr Shaun Ogle (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Elaine Reid (Disability Sports Northern Ireland)
- Stewart Tosh (Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council)
- Lizanne Kennedy (Department for Communities)
- Roy Millar (Northern Ireland Sports Forum)
- Dr. Eugene Young (Gaelic Athletic Association).
- Ian Robinson (UK Sport)
- Deena Black (UK Sport)
- Alfie Wylie (IFA)

In attendance:

- Dr Paul Donnelly, Secretariat (Sport Northern Ireland)

1. APOLOGIES

- Apologies were received from Michael Black (Irish Rugby Football Union – Ulster Branch), Robert McVeigh (Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council), Paul McDermott (Sport Ireland), Michael McGeehan (Sport Ireland, Coaching¹),

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

2.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 13th meeting of the Performance SMIG.

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: PD to forward Members a copy of Sport NI's response to the PfG Phase II Consultation. (COMPLETE)

Action 2: MMcG to share information on the 2018 Coaching Conference with Members. (COMPLETE)

¹ Coaching Ireland is now integrated within Sport Ireland

Action 3: RMcV to provide a more detailed update on developments relating to the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games at the next meeting of the Performance SMIG (COMPLETE)

Action 4: PD to change RAG status of target PE17 from GREEN to BLUE (COMPLETE)

Action 5: PD to revised ToR for consideration/approval at the next meeting of the Performance SMIG (COMPLETE)

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

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

5.1 The Chair referred to the draft Terms of Reference for the Performance SMIG which were circulated for comment and asked for any amendments or inclusions to the membership table on page four. All members agreed with the membership list presented but asked for a follow up letter to be issued (from the Chair) to the Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI) and British Olympic Association (BOA) asking for a nominated representative to be involved in the Performance. SMIG. The Chair asked for Members views on rotating the SMIG Chair position across the participating member's organisations. PD noted this was explored in the 2015 Mid Term review but that there was no appetite to rotate the position at that time. All members advised they are content for a Sport NI Board member to retain the Performance SMIG Chair role, but did ask for vice-chair position to be included in the Terms of Reference.

Action 1: PD to amend Performance SMIG Terms of Reference and draft nomination letter to BOA and OCI on behalf of the Performance SMIG Chair.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

6.1 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.

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

- a. CWYG Bahamas – 12 medals, 2018 Gold Coast preparations – state of sport meetings and Sport NI involvement, Update on bid to host the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games in Belfast (Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council).

Action 2: Chair to raise the 2021 CWYG issue at the SMMG and requesting clarity from DfE on the current status of hosting the Games and the likelihood that the necessary funding and support can be secured. CWG Federation are expecting a decision by on or before 15 December 2017.

- b. Funding & support to Kelly Gallagher in preparation for Winter Games, Wheelchair Basketball, BOCCIA Development – World Class Programme, Support for CWG athletes, progress of local athletes, Sporting Winners, Active



- c. Clubs, Working with NGBs through the Inclusive Sport Award (ISA) accreditation (Disability Sports NI).

Action 3: PD to circulate information relating to the ISA.

- d. Clubs and Sporting Winners Programmes, links with Sport Ireland and UK Sport, Need for a High Performance Strategy (Sport NI).
- e. Winter sports – Beijing assessment process – aspirations for 2020 Tokyo Strategy, Code for Sport, Duty of Care & New Head of Sport Integrity, High Performance Strategic Advisory Group – sharing of best practice, Practitioner portal, High Performance Gaps & Pathways, Focus on 2024 Paris and 2028 Los Angeles, Memorandum of Understanding on Talent (UK Sport).
- f. Good Governance for Sport Launch, Sport & Law Seminar on Duty of Care, Women in Conference, Increasing membership levels (NI Sports Forum).
- g. Planning application submitted, three centres of excellence – well established and effective, Performance Success - Derry & Tyrone, Need to focus on developing the Performance Pathway, Super 8 changes, Audit of Service Provision within counties, Ladies interprovincial success, Wheelchair hurling, Coaching and Games Conference (UC GAA)
- h. Restructuring with the IFA, u19 European Finals, SINI support for women's football, player pathways for girls, centres of excellence (IFA)

7. SPORT MATTERS PROGRESS REPORT 2016-2017

- 7.1 The Chair thanked all Members that took the time to complete and return their organisations progress report covering the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017.
- 7.2 All Members were of the view that the document presents a positive picture of the collective effort that there has been to achieve the vision and targets of the Sports Matters and noted the following progress against the high level targets:
- 14 targets are 'Blue' and considered achieved;
 - 10 are 'Green' and considered 'on track' for achievement; and
 - 1 is 'Amber' and considered 'on track for achievement, but with some delay.
- 7.3 Members approved the Progress Report for submission to the SMMG on 7 November 2017

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Ian Robinson (UK Sport) confirmed that he will be replaced by Deena Black on the Performance SMIG and wished Members at the best for the future in the development of sport in Northern Ireland.



9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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