



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORT NI BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH
MARCH 2017 AT 2.30PM, IN THE HOUSE OF SPORT, BELFAST**

<p>Present: Board members:</p> <p>George Lucas – Chair Jay Colville – Vice Chair Brian Delaney Catherine O'Mullan Darryl Petticrew (for item 14) Jackie Bryson Kyle Ferguson Richard Bullick Siobhan Weir (for items 3-14) Wilma Erskine</p>	<p>In attendance: Sport NI Officials</p> <p>Maggie Smith, Interim Chief Executive Officer (for items 5-14) Leigh Brown, Acting Director of Sport Management Services (for items 5-14) John News, Acting Director of Participation and Facilities (for items 5-14) Shaun Ogle, Director of Performance Christine Kerr, Interim HR Director (for items 5-14) Susan McStay, Board Secretary</p>
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item	Record of main discussion
1. Apologies	Andrea Bingham Celine McStravick Kieran Harding
2. Register of Member's Declaration of Interest and Gifts and Hospitality SNI/17/30	No new interests were declared.
3. Minutes of Previous meeting SNI/17/27	1. The minutes of the Board meeting held on 15 th February 2017 were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. 2. The minutes were approved subject to agreed revision of wording of Item 5.4.
4. Action points and matters arising	1. Action points were circulated to members and relevant officers prior to the meeting. Members were content with progress.
5. Sporting Winners Review	1. 'Lines relating to Sporting Winners' was tabled at the meeting. Members were asked to note the paper and consider future press action following the review.

	<p>Siobhan Weir joined the meeting at 2.40pm.</p> <p>2. Further to the meeting of the Board on 10th March 2017 to consider the process of lottery investment in Sporting Winners and Clubs, the Director of Performance presented evidence to address each of the concerns raised in the letter received from four sports on the 27th February 2017.</p> <p>3. Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Data from the governments Continuous Household Survey for 2014/15 and participation statistics. b) The Sporting Winners consultation period, eligibility and marking criteria and options presented to the Board in November 2016 c) Communications between Sport NI and the four sports including one-to-one advice, consultation process and information clinics. d) The various opportunities that sports had to raise concerns was discussed and it was confirmed that there was no adverse feedback raised during the consultation process, in the FAQs or at the clinics. e) Members listened to a presentation given at a clinic on 22nd June 2016 which highlighted the key points of Sporting Winners (National alignment, benefits and outcomes, bottom-line targets and stretch targets, emerging NI Performance Athletes and talent/pathway, strategic/ tactical direction, sports institute provision and assessment – value and viability). f) It was agreed that a response to point 3 of the letter regarding advice allegedly given to the GAA would be provided to the Board by the end of the week. g) Members agreed that a Review of Position paper providing a sequential series of events and decisions that have taken place be provided for the 27th March Board Meeting to take place at 5pm-6.30pm. h) It was confirmed that the funding process would not be halted and that the process would continue in parallel with the review. i) Members discussed the affordability of the appeals process and were advised that there would be funding within the lottery balances. j) A confidential report detailing the letters of offer was shared with members for information. The reports were collected back at the end of the meeting.
6. Chair's remarks	<p>Maggie Smith (Interim CEO), Leigh Brown (Acting Director of Sport Management Services), John News (Acting Director of Participation and Facilities) and Christine Kerr (Interim HR Director) joined the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair tabled a 'Sport NI Board Induction Programme' paper and took members through the key points. Members adopted the paper.</p>
7. Health and Safety and Welfare SNI/17/22	1. Members noted and adopted paper SNI/17/22.
8. Legal and Legislation SNI/17/35	<p>1. Members noted and adopted paper SNI/17/35.</p> <p>2. Members were advised that ongoing legal issues would be discussed in a closed session following the Board meeting.</p>

<p>9. Audit and Risk Assurance Report SNI/17/23</p>	<p>1. Members were advised that given the significant challenges facing Sport NI, the requirement to strengthen the ARAC in line with the terms and conditions of the Treasury ARAC handbook is being prioritised and that formal proposals will be brought to the April meeting.</p> <p>2. Members adopted paper SNI/17/23.</p>
<p>10. Interim Chief Executive's Report SNI/17/24</p>	<p>1. The Interim Chief Executive highlighted that Annex B of paper SNI/17/24 details the progress that has been made regarding the management of the impact of VES, since paper SNI/16/155 was presented to the Board in December 2016.</p> <p>2. The Interim Chief Executive advised that the external communications strategy is underway and that a paper will be brought to the Board in April.</p>
<p>11. Human Resources Report SNI/17/25</p>	<p>1. The Interim Director of Human Resources presented paper SNI/17/25 and reported that sickness absence has been reduced.</p> <p>2. Members noted and adopted the paper.</p>
<p>12. Finance and Governance Report SNI/17/26</p> <p>BiAnnual Assurance Statement SNI/17/27</p>	<p>1. The Finance report showed the current budget to 28th February 2017. Members noted and adopted paper SNI/17/26.</p> <p>2. The BiAnnual Assurance Statement (SNI/17/27) was discussed and the actions to be taken regarding safeguarding were highlighted.</p>
<p>13. Board Leadership Project Report SNI/17/29</p>	<p>1. Members noted and adopted paper SNI/17/29 'Board feedback on induction process'.</p>
<p>14. A.O.B. 14.1 Executive Leadership & Management Project Team – accredited training options Business Case SNI/16/109.</p>	<p>1. Members discussed the approved Business Case for ILM training and raised queries about previous ILM training undertaken in Sport NI and the current strategic approach to workforce development undertaken by Sport NI.</p> <p>2. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss these queries in detail and a report from the meeting would be presented at the next Board meeting.</p>
<p>14.2 Support provided to Gaelic Sports, Rugby Football, Association Football and Cricket - culturally significant sports through Exchequer investment. SNI/17/36</p>	<p>1. Members noted paper SNI/17/36</p>
<p>14.3</p>	<p>1. Members agreed that the Board member section of the website needs to be updated.</p> <p>Darryl Petticrew joined the meeting.</p> <p>2. Members again raised the issue of the impact of VES and requested</p>

	<p>clarification regarding the restructure. Members were referred to paper SNI/16/155 (presented in December 2016) which laid out how the impact was going to be managed and Annex B of the Interim CEO's report which details the progress. Members were advised that the impact has been managed through re-organising rather than restructuring.</p> <p>3. The Director of Performance agreed to bring a paper on the Review of the Sports Institute to the April meeting.</p> <p>4. It was agreed that the Draft 'Business Area in Focus' schedule would be reviewed.</p>
<p>Dates of next meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th March 2017 (Review of Sporting Winners) – 17:-18:30 • 12th April 2017 -12:00-14:00 • 18th May 2017 - 15:30 -17:30 • 14th June 2017 - 11:00-13:00

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

Minutes adopted and approved:

Signed: George Lucas

George Lucas, Sport NI Chair

Date: 27/3/2017