



**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SPORT NI BOARD HELD
ON 7TH APRIL 2020 @ 3.45PM (VIA ZOOM MEETING)**

<p>Present: Board members: George Lucas Jay Colville</p>	<p>In attendance: Sport NI Officials Antoinette McKeown, CEO Adrian Doherty, Director of Finance & Governance Ali Campbell, Executive Unit Manager Gillian Gilliland, Board Secretary</p>
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Agenda Item	Record of main discussion
1. Apologies	None.
2. Register of Member's Declaration of Interest	There were no declarations of interest to note.
3. DfC Hardship Fund	<p>The CEO advised a paper had been circulated prior to this meeting detailing the background to the DfC Sports Hardship Fund. Members noted DfC had asked Sport NI to work up proposals for a sports hardship fund of up to £1m with £500k available immediately. Members noted this was additional DfC Exchequer funding which Sport NI would administer on their behalf. The CEO expressed thanks to John News, the Project Team and the Executive Team for this final proposal for the business case which will hopefully be signed off this evening with the aim to roll out the fund from Friday onwards. Members noted this was a DfC initiative but given the McBride Judgment this was viewed as novel funding and it had been agreed at Executive Team that Board approval should be sought. However, given the need to move swiftly the Emergency Orders contained within the Board Standing Orders were being utilised to seek the Chair and Vice-Chair's approval. It was noted this would be brought to the Board Meeting on 22 April and details would be sent to Members after his meeting.</p> <p>The CEO highlighted this funding may extend up to £1m therefore approval was being sought for this amount.</p> <p>The Chair queried was this a formal meeting with emergency powers invoked and information relayed to the Board and this was confirmed.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice-Chair agreed the paper was good and it was great to have this extra money available to the sports sector. The Chair and Vice-Chair agreed</p>

	<p>they were happy to proceed and approved the proposals as contained within the paper.</p> <p>The CEO asked whether the Chair and Vice-Chair had any additional questions regarding the sports hardship fund. The Vice-Chair queried were there any issues with the fund being administered remotely; it was confirmed some of the internal processes had been amended and it was time consuming but it was possible to administer this remotely and indeed some payments had already been made in this way. Members noted the £2.4m last week had been administered from home by the Finance Team.</p> <p>The Chair endorsed the efforts to move this through so quickly and thanked everyone involved.</p> <p>The CEO confirmed DfC would be pleased Sport NI had sought Board approval of these proposals.</p> <p>The CEO further advised at the Board Meeting on 22 April a paper would be presented detailing Phase 1 Lottery and Phase 2 Exchequer funding. There will also potentially be Phase 3 and 4 of a total funding package for the sports sector once more funding is made available.</p> <p>The Chair stated today's paper was very helpful and requested a briefing note be sent to the board to updated them on this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair expressed thanks to Ali Campbell for all the excellent social media stories being presented.</p>
4. AOB	There was no other business to discuss.
5. Date of next meetings	<p>Wednesday 22 April 2020 @ 9.10am</p> <p>The meeting closed at 4.20pm.</p>

George Lucas.

Approved by:
Sport NI Chair

Date: 22 April 2020