



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE SPORT NI BOARD  
HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 @ 5.30PM (VIA ZOOM MEETING)**

<b>Present: Board members:</b> George Lucas Jay Colville Wilma Erskine Kieran Harding Darryl Petticrew	<b>In attendance: Sport NI Officials</b> Antoinette McKeown, CEO Adrian Doherty, Director of Finance & Governance Peter McCabe, Interim Director of Performance John News, Interim Director of Participation Ali Campbell, Executive Unit Manager Gillian Gilliland, Board Secretary
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Record of main discussion</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Jackie Bryson, Richard Bullick, Kyle Ferguson and Catherine O'Mullan.
<b>2. Register of Member's Declaration of Interest</b>	There were no declarations of interest to note.
<b>3. Chair's Remarks</b>	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting on short notice.</p> <p>The Chair advised the CEO had received a very positive letter from the Minister approving the 2020-21 Business Case and expressed thanks to everyone involved.</p>
<b>4. Covid-19 response business case: Protecting Sports Participation business case SNI 20 41</b>	<p>Members received paper SNI 20 41 for approval.</p> <p>The Chair advised queries had been received from members in advance of the meeting, these were responded to and saved on SharePoint as part of this process. The Chair asked were members content these questions were answered and members confirmed. The Chair asked the members in attendance for their queries on the paper and business case.</p> <p>Members asked about the process for clubs who had restarted and may have purchased PPE already and how the PPE would be distributed to small and large clubs to ensure the appropriate spread of PPE.</p> <p>Members heard the PPE packs include faces shields, gloves etc. however the hand sanitiser and face masks were most important in terms of consumables. Clubs are having to spend money to replenish these consumables and the SNI</p>

resource will be available to use now and in the future, if clubs have purchased these already they will need more as more people come back into the sporting environment to build confidence; therefore this will ensure there is provision now and in the future.

In terms of the amount of resource distributed to small and large clubs, within the modelling of the business case staff looked at the returns from the Sports Club Survey at the start of the year which the Board had an overview of previously. From this research we were able to look at club sizes and as a result we are proposing there will be a scaling of packs. Smaller clubs will get one pack, medium size clubs two packs and larger club three packs.

Members further asked how expectations would be managed in terms of uptake and those clubs who may be unsuccessful due to demand.

Members heard there was no risk in terms of low uptake but it may be slow. Staff will engage with all stakeholders and GBs to communicate with clubs and community planners. However, in terms of over-subscribing and negative stories of those not successful, this is what was experienced with SHF at the start as staff were over-whelmed with the uptake. The Business Case up to £1m is reflective of the experience of SHF and based on data from it. Members heard there was an option within the Business Case anticipated 80% of clubs uptake, if these levels are exceeded staff will need to look at securing additional funding.

Members advised they were content with this as long as SNI is able to respond to those people who are not successful.

Members heard Irish Ruby and Cricket have already put out similar resource packs of PPE to their clubs and the IFA announced they are using FIFA money to put PPE packs out to all levels of football clubs in the coming months.

Members queried within the introduction to the paper whether DfC had requested SNI to do this and whether there was an option not to do PPE.

Members noted DFC wrote to SNI after the June monitoring round advising an additional £2m had been secured to be used towards SHF and PPE, within the letter amounts for each were not specified but these areas were covered and this amount was ring-fenced for this use. SNI provided feedback to DfC confirming amounts of £1m to SHF and £1m to PPE.

***D Petticrew joined the meeting at 5.50pm.***

Members further asked in terms of Phase 3 BBB what work was being carried out to stimulate projects to allow us to think about development projects. The CEO advised she had spoken to the Chair when SNI were advised of the additional £2m; SNI did not bid for this money but also couldn't turn this down. At that stage, SNI had to de-prioritise BBB to allow SHF to reopen as there is insufficient HR capacity to do anymore at this stage. The CEO further advised there is a risk around this given that it was received late in the year in terms of planning and also a risk that we don't spend this but good governance standards will be put in place. This takes time and due diligence. In terms of response to Covid-19 SNI wants to support the sector as much as it can.

	<p>The Chair asked if members had any further queries; members agreed there was nothing further to add.</p> <p>The Chair requested a review of risk in terms of where we were with these projects and asked that ARAC have a discussion on managing this risk. The Vice-Chair advised Andrea Orr had sent him the latest NIAO curricular on advice for ARACs to mitigate risk in a Covid environment which will help within the next quarter. The CEO advised the Risk Register was on the ARAC agenda for Monday night's meeting.</p> <p>The Chair asked were members content with the discussion; he noted everyone had contributed well with a good exchange of views and the question and answer process in advance had worked well.</p> <p>The Chair requested formal approval of the paper and business case; members were in agreement and the recommendations were approved.</p> <p>The Chair stated he appreciates everyone is very busy currently, working hard to make things happen and expressed thanks to everyone for the good work.</p>
<b>5. AOB</b>	There was no other business to discuss.
<b>6. Date of next meetings</b>	<p>Wednesday 16 September, 9.15-11.15am.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 5.55pm.</p>

*George Lucas.*

Approved by:  
Sport NI Chair

Date: 16 September 2020