

**REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD - 15 FEBRUARY 2007
ITEM FOR INFORMATION****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Board of the recent decision taken by the Regional Director in consultation with the Development Group to commit £10,000 to the Employment of PSDO within Hampshire in 2007 / 2008.

PROPOSED ACTION

That the Board notes the Report.

The decision was reached after great deliberation and for the following reasons:

1. Current Funding

£35,000 has been allocated to support PDSOs across all sub-regions – this was not allocated as £5,000 per sub-region but to be spent prudently in order to ensure PDSO support for all sub-regions.

2. Additional Funding is becoming available

The areas of Surrey and Kent have qualified for additional £5,000 from PESSCL in addition to funds direct from the Region.

The South East Region is currently seeking additional funding including Talent Identification, Workforce Development and Capacity Building. It is hoped that this funding will also contribute to the Region's capability to add additional funds to the employment of Swimming Development Officers.

Some of the other areas will be in a position to make good use of the money for the financial year 2007/2008 as not all the partners are currently willing to participate. Hence we could find ourselves in the position of not spending all the funding available unless we start making commitments such as this. Hampshire is ready to take advantage of the money now.

3. Hampshire is a large County

Hampshire ASA currently has around 70 clubs affiliated, of which around 25 of these compete on a regular basis and would therefore be eligible for Swim 21. This is significantly higher than other Sub-Regions. On-going investment in Hampshire is necessary as past results have shown their commitment and any monies provided have been well spent as they have a proven track record as shown in No. 6.

4. Funding Arrangement

The current funding arrangement based on Active Sports did not cover support for the Channel Islands. As we are proposing a major contribution, the Region has requested that the PSDO will provide support for Swim 21 for the clubs on the Channel Islands.

5. Commitment

Hampshire County ASA has shown great commitment agreeing to contribute £10,000.

Hampshire County Sports Partnership is committed to having a PSDO and will contribute £5,000 for the PSDO annually and an additional £4,500 in the first year for hosting the position and covering the indirect costs. Hampshire County Council is also contributing £10,000 to other swimming initiatives.

6. Delivery

Hampshire has a good track record of delivery through Swim21 Clubs – Performance clubs working with other clubs, development opportunities, funding for teachers and coaches courses, arranging courses, running local swimming forums etc. From the Region's point of view this is making a large contribution to achieving our Key Performance Indications.

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