

**REGIONAL MAGANGEMT BOARD - 15 FEBRUARY 2007
ITEM FOR DECISION*****Swim21 Celebration Event*****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To outline to the Board the need to recognise the efforts of volunteers whose clubs achieve Swim21 accreditation.

PROPOSED ACTION

That the Board approves recommendations made by the Finance and Development Sub-Groups.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1 The Regional Management Board, at its meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2007, acknowledged that it was a good idea to recognise new Swim21 clubs on the day of the Annual Council Meeting / Annual Dinner. The Board charged the Finance and Development Sub-Groups to consider a proposal from the Development Team.
- 2 A proposal was developed and considered by the Finance Sub-Group at their meeting held on Wednesday 31 January and Development Sub-Group at their meeting held on Wednesday, 7 February.
- 3 Achieving Swim21 takes a substantial amount of time and commitment by club volunteers. Currently, apart from a certificate sent through the post and the occasional mention in the Swimming Times, there is no reward or recognition to clubs that have achieved Swim21.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Assuming that by September 2007, 50 clubs would have achieved Swim21 accreditation, the cost of the event to the Region is estimated to be at £3,000 broken down as follows:
 - Fee Places: $100 \times £27 = £2,700$ (based on two places per club)
 - Presentation gifts: $50 \times £6 = £300$ (a paperweight token as an idea)

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. The Finance Sub-Group recommends that two free places should be allocated to each Swim21 Accredited club and that each club should be presented with a token gift.
6. The Development Sub-Group recommends that the event should be incorporated into the 2007 Annual Dinner.