

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD - 14 JUNE 2007

ITEM FOR DECISION

REGIONAL FUNDING – COACH EDUCATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Board on the recent developments in coach education including external and IOS funding.

PROPOSED ACTION

That the Board approves the recommendations.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Region has worked with County Sports Partnerships (CSP) to secure funding for its regional workforce development needs. Following recent changes to Sport England focus on increased participation amongst 16+, the funding from CSPs' Workforce Development Plans will not be forthcoming.
2. Following discussions with the Sussex Down College about the European Social Fund for On Track programme, the ASA South East has been offered up to 32 fully funded UKCC qualifications to be utilised by June 2008. The offer amounts to around £20,000 worth of UKCC places.
3. The IOS has asked the Regions to consider a proposal on future regional funding. The proposal is outlined below:

IOS REGIONAL FUNDING

PURPOSE OF PAPER

This paper requests that Regions consider the proposal outlined below.

BACKGROUND

The IOS as the training provider will be covering the majority of costs for all the Education Officers (previously REOs) and the administration of courses. The Regions' responsibilities will predominantly be to encourage candidates onto courses and to source local funding to assist in lowering the costs to candidates in line with Regional Workforce priorities.

To offer an income stream back to the Regions, the following proposal is suggested and comments are welcomed from the **Regions until 25 June 2007**. Following a consultation period, agreements will be provided to the Regions back-dated to 1 April 2007.

The IOS understands that the proposal will not be advantageous to all Regions at this point and will continue to work with those regions to bring them up to an equitable position as soon as it is viable.

It is assumed that any tutor costs will be met through the cost calculations of a course whether they be sessional or full time so are not included in the proposal below.

Proposal

That Each Region will generate enough income from education courses to cover IOS costs of £55,000, before any income is provided back to the Region. This is essentially the cost of the EO posts and central administration.

When these costs are covered the Regions will be given 20% of any course surplus.

4. Recommendation:

4.1 That the Board requests the Development and Finance Groups to consider the level of bursaries in view of the recent developments in workforce funding.

4.2 That the Board comments on the IOS proposal for regional funding.

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