

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

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Schools Forum

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School Funding: School Sport

Report of the School Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Manager

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an alternative methodology to fund the delivery of school sport.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Schools Forum is recommended to note the current areas of concern regarding the future of school sport in Leicester, the timescales involved and the proposed changes to the current methodology for delivering school sport,

2.2 Schools Forum is recommended to agree to funding of £80k for financial year 2011-12 to help fund/ "pump-prime" a new organisational structure to deliver and coordinate a strategic approach to school sport for all children and young people attending city schools.

3.0 Report

3.1. Following the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Department for Education suggested that the current systems for delivering school sport through the School Sport Partnerships was too bureaucratic and target driven and that the Coalition Government want to encourage more competitive sport. The Secretary of State Michael Gove announced back in October 2010 that the Department for Education is ending the £162 million of funds for the PE and Sports Strategy for Young People (PESSYP).

3.2. Following the announcements in October 2010 there was a huge amount of advocacy work and challenge to the suggested cuts to School Sport Partnership. This brought about a slight change in direction by the Coalition Government in that the Department for Education has indicated that they will provide £47 million to fund School Sport Partnerships until August 2011. This will result in the disbanding of the sports partnerships in the following way;

- Funding for Further Education Coordinators (FESCOs) and Competition Managers (CM) will cease from April 2011
- Funding for Primary Link Teachers (PLTs) ceases from May 2011
- Funding for School Sport Coordinators (SSCOs) and Partnership Development Managers (PDMs) ceases September 2011

3.3 In addition to the £47 million. The Department for Education is making available £65 million worth of funding up to the end of the academic year in 2013. This is to pay for one day a week of a PE teacher's time in each secondary school to be spent out of the classroom, encouraging greater take-up of competitive sport in primary schools and securing a fixture network for schools to increase the amount of intra and inter-school competition.

3.4 A further £14 million from the Department of Health and £8 million from the Department for Culture Media and Sport has been made available up to the end of the academic year 2013. This funding is to be used to appoint 450 School Games Organisers who will be employed for 3 days per week to deliver school competition at a local level.

3.5 The concern is that funding is being made available via 3 ministerial departments without any real thought as to how it will be coordinated at a local level. The lack of information being made available regarding the funding is making it difficult to plan for school sport moving forward.

3.6 Another concern is that all the apparent new funding that is being promised is to deliver the Coalition Government's new Olympic style school sports competition and nothing more.

4.0 Current methodology

4.1 The current methodology was established ten years ago. It is based on having a designated individual in every school and further education establishment with a remit for PE and school sport and is largely funded through the Department for Education (£162 million) through the Youth Sport Trust. The structure consist of the following;

- Primary Link Teacher funded for 12 days per year
- School Sports Coordinator funded for 2 days per week
- Further Education Sports Coordinator funded for 2 days per week
- Competition Manager funded Full Time

4.2. The structure is currently managed by 2 full time Partnership Development Managers (PDMs) making up the complete network known as the School Sport Partnership.

4.3 The School Sport Partnership is currently responsible for delivering the 10 strands of the Physical Education and Sports Strategy for Young People.

4.4 The School Sport Partnership is currently performance managed through the annual PE and School Sport Survey.

4.5 The impact of the School Sport Partnership on the children and young people of Leicester is summarised in appendix 1

5.0 Proposed changes to the methodology

5.1 The recent announcements by the Coalition Government on additional resources, while welcomed, have also presented challenges locally to make sure that all the relevant funding for the various programs and initiatives is capitalised upon, managed and coordinated strategically.

5.2 The newly established Leicester Sports Partnership Trust (**see appendix 2**) is well positioned to be used as a central vehicle to coordinate a suitable way forward towards the development of a sustainable strategy to deliver a school sport offer for all children and young people who live and attend school in Leicester.

5.3 The Leicester Sports Partnership Trust proposes that all schools (Primary, Secondary and Special) sustain a designated individual where possible with a remit for school sport.

5.4 The Leicester Sports Partnership Trust proposes that any funding directed to Schools from Government for the release of staff to dedicate time towards school sport and competition should be pooled centrally. This funding will then be returned to the school minus a management fee if they have the capacity to release staff.

5.5 Alternative options will be considered where schools do not have the capacity to release staff

5.6 With financial support from the Schools Forum we propose to appoint 2 full time School Sport Manager roles and a Disability Sports Coordinator to work with schools on the Government's school competition agenda and a number of other key areas of work including.

- Improving Physical Education (Primary)
- Improving Leadership and Volunteering
- Improving out of school hours sports provision
- Improving Transition from School to School
- Improving disability sport

5.7 Any funding allocated by the Schools Forum will fund the relevant posts from September 2011 through to March 2012 (7/12). The expectation is that funding being made available by Government will become a lot clearer and will hopefully sustain the posts from April 2012 onwards.

5.8 The Leicester Sports Partnership Trust would like the Schools Forum to consider an additional (5/12) funding should there be an under spend within the schools budget. This will allow for a more sustainable system

5.9 The Leicester Sport Partnership Trust proposes that the two School Sport Manager roles and the Disability Sports Coordinator role could be hosted by schools with the funding initially held in the Schools Specific Contingency by the Local Authority and then delegated to the host schools once the arrangements are determined. The posts will also be accountable to the Leicester Sports Partnership Trust Steering Group to

complement the wider local sporting landscape.

- 5.10** The Leicester Sport Partnership Trust propose to continue to performance manage the outputs and outcomes related to school sport and report the findings where necessary.

6.0 Timescales

- 6.1** Transition period: April 1st 2011 - August 31st 2012. From the start of academic year 2012-13, it is envisaged that a sustainable model for school sport in Leicester City will be in operation with the full support of the Leicester Sports Partnership Trust.

7.0 Conclusion

- 7.1** We believe that with the financial support of the Schools Forum for the financial year 2011-12 (and possibly for the Summer Term 2012) we can establish a sustainable structure to deliver a school sport strategy for the children and young people of Leicester above and beyond the Government's current funding commitments to competitive sport.
- 7.2** A similar process is being undertaken in the County, with the agreement of the School's Forum, which if complemented by the City will create a sub-regional offer which will enable children and young people to progress within sport to the ability that they are capable of.

8.0 FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial Implications

This report seeks the Forum's support to set aside £80,000 in 2011/12 financial year to "pump prime" a new organisational structure for school sport. Should Forum be minded to support this, it will be included in the citywide Schools Budget to be discussed on the 24th March. Given the varying pressures and demands on the Schools Budget, it is suggested that such support be subject to formal confirmation when the citywide budget is set.

Forum is also requested to consider setting aside a further allocation of £60,000 to cover the salaries of these posts for the period April 2012-August 2012 should alternative funding not be available. Should Forum be minded to support this, it will be included as part of the Schools Budget proposals to be discussed during February/March 2012.

It is also noted the proposals could reduce or defer potential severance costs, should staff currently engaged on School Sports Partnership work transfer into the roles proposed in this report. The process for appointing to the roles would, of course, be subject to the usual HR procedures and no presumptions are made at this stage.

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8.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report

8.3 Climate Change Implications

9.0 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph/References Within the Report
Equal Opportunities		
Policy		
Sustainable and Environmental		
Crime and Disorder		
Human Rights Act		
Elderly/People on Low Income		
Corporate Parenting		
Health Inequalities Impact		

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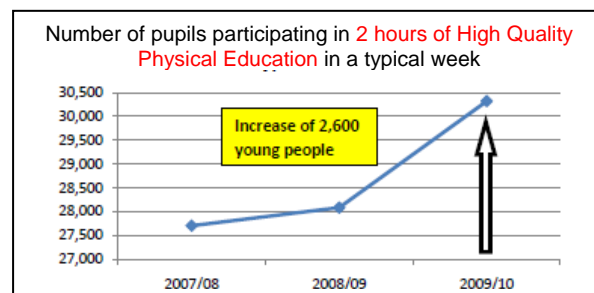
Appendix 1

The Impact of School Sport Partnerships

High Quality Physical Education

The amount and quality of Physical Education has been improved over the duration that school sport partnerships have been in place particularly in the primary schools and special schools. Where in the past Primary schools have been void of specific Physical Education professionals the Primary Link teacher role and school sports coordinator role as gone some way to filling that void.

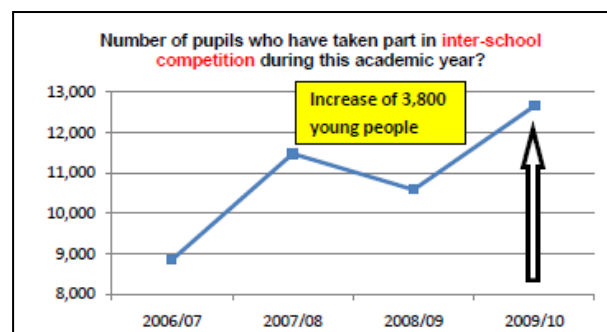
In 2009/10: **76%** of young people in Leicester Schools were participating in at least two hours of Physical Education an increase of **6%** from 2008 / 09.



Competition (Inter School)

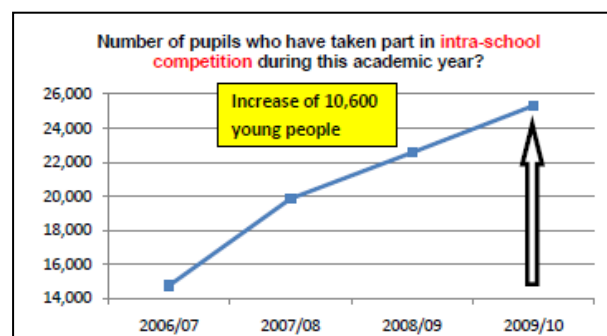
Great strides have been made in making the aspiration of having regular competition available for every young person a reality. Nationally over the last academic year 2009 – 2010 almost half the young people across the country took part in sporting competition against other schools (Inter School Competition) and nearly 75% took part in competitions in their own schools (intra school competition)

In 2009/10: **32%** of young people in Leicester Schools were involved in inter-school competition, an increase of **5%** from 2008 / 09



Competition (Intra School)

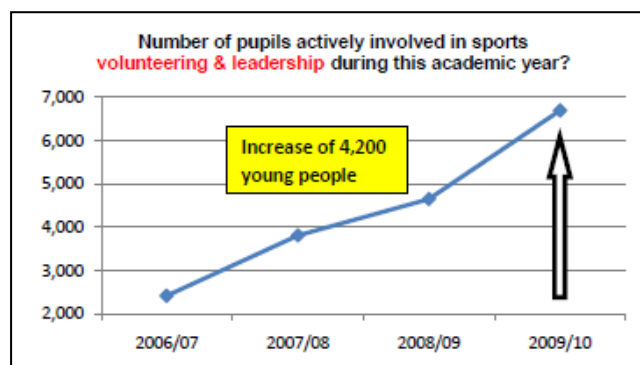
In 2009/10: **64%** young people in Leicester Schools were involved in intra-school competition, an increase of **7%** on 2008 / 09.



Volunteering and Leadership

Sport is very reliant on the next generation of volunteers and coaches. School Sport partnerships have gone some way to improving the amount of young people taking on leadership and volunteering roles within sport.

In 2009/10: **17%** of young people in Leicester Schools were involved in sport volunteering and leadership, **an increase of 6% on 2008 / 09**.



Out of School Hours Sport

School Sport Partnerships working with other key partners have increased the amount of sport and physical activity opportunities that children and young people have access to.

In 2009 / 10: **48%** of young people in Leicester Schools participated in 3 hours of High Quality Physical Education and out of school hours sport per week, **an increase of 10% on 2008 / 09**

Link to community sports clubs

School Sport Partnerships working with other partners have played a fundamental role in encouraging more young people to join quality accredited sports clubs.

In 2009 / 10: **37%** of young people in Leicester Schools were linked with a community sports club. **An increase of 16% on 2008 / 2009**

Appendix 2

Leicester Sports Partnership Trust

Extract from the Sports Partnership Trust Deed

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The First Trustees are to support the development of a quality sporting curriculum in all the Leicester City's Schools and so as to use sport as a means of tackling disadvantage in communities and to generate and develop sporting talent within the City of Leicester on the trusts declared in this Deed.
- 1.2 Further money or property may be paid or transferred to the **Trustees** for the **Charity**.

2. NAME & OBJECTS

- 2.1 The name of the Charity is **Leicester Sport Partnership Trust** (or any other name chosen by resolution of the Trustees).
- 2.2 The **Objects** are.
- 2.2.1 To advance in life and help people through:
- 2.2.2 (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- 2.2.3 To help people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. To encourage enthusiasm for sport and participation by all people
- 2.2.4 To act as a resource for people living in an area of benefit by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
- (a) advancing in life and helping people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (b) advancing education;

(c) relieving unemployment;

(d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the health and development of such persons.

2.2.5 To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

2.2.6 For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

2.3 The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Charity in promoting the Objects.

For a full copy of the Leicester Sports Partnership Trust Deed please contact Wayne Allsopp wayne.allsopp@leicester.gov.uk

Extract from the Sports Partnership Trust Action Plan

Vision

“Leicester City the most active city in England”

Mission

“To work in partnership to provide high quality inclusive opportunities for the people of Leicester to achieve their potential in and through Sport and Physical Activity”

Priorities

- 1) Raising attainment, achievement and aspirations of young people by learning through high quality Physical Education, Sport and Competition

- 2) Improving Health and Wellbeing through Sport and Physical Activity intervention's
- 3) Create a thriving sustainable community club, coach and volunteer infrastructure
- 4) Develop sustainable facilities to meet the future needs of Leicester people
- 5) Develop a sustainable and fit for purpose workforce
- 6) Use the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic games to inspire the people of Leicester to take part in sport and physical activity