

College Sport Update

In line with specific objectives within the SUS Strategic Plan there has been a good deal of activity of late towards the development of college sport programmes under the SUS banner. A brief summary of this activity is included below and copies of the various documents referred to are included with your papers.

Recent discussions have included representation from Scotland's Colleges, the Scottish Funding Council, Scottish Government and colleagues from within a number of individual college institutions.

On the back of these discussions, the SFC has approved funding for creation of a College Sport Development Officer post to be based at SUS on an initial one-year basis.

Discussions relating to the local hosting arrangements at Edinburgh University are underway and job descriptions and accompanying literature have been drafted. It is hoped that recruitment can therefore be achieved in time for the start of the 09-10 Academic Year.

It is expected that as the levels of activity develop there will be a number of issues for partners to address including: finance; branding; membership; staffing structures; status; governance. With this in mind the SFC has also committed extra funds to allow us to buy-in some consultancy time to look at these major issues and consider the future development of college sport and the implications of this for SUS.

In a parallel development, Sportscotland has agreed to sponsor an audit of current sport and physical activity in the college sector and this project will also be undertaken in the short term. The research will be the first of its kind in the college sector and will help to illuminate the current picture - identifying areas of good practice and gaps in provision. A working draft is currently being refined and will go to tender over the coming few weeks.

SUS Executive is asked to:

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➤ Absorb the above and ask any relevant questions