

<b>REPORT FROM THE DIRECTORS FORUM</b>
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The Directors Forum had its last meeting on Wednesday 11th June at the University of Dundee. The meeting updated on a number of issues and the following points represent the primary items of business:

- **Collective Purchasing-** John Scott has prepared a brief 'commodities' spreadsheet to gather information on current service level agreements and purchasing arrangements. This was designed to uphold 'best value' arrangements and explore options around collective purchasing. Jim undertook to circulate the document.
- **Reaching Higher / Active Students -** Scottish Government has invited SUS to join the Strategic Review Group on 'Reaching Higher'. First meeting was held on 9 June'08, with Jim attending. Scottish Government has also welcomed and praised SUS' 'Active Students' proposal funding options are limited currently. Directors' noted and applauded progress.
- **BUSA / UCS developments -** Jim updated on the formation of British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS); outlined the proposed structure; and reported on recent discussions with the new BUCS Chair (Ed Smith) and CEO (Karen Rothery).
- **Scottish University of Sporting Excellence -** Directors reflected on the recent announcement to designate the University of Stirling as Scotland's University of Sporting Excellence, and subsequent communications with the Scottish Funding Council, including yesterday's Panel session at Conference.
- **SUS reflection -** Consideration was given to the role and progress of SUS. Directors agreed that SUS' development has been impressive, and it is pleasing that it is now firmly established with Scottish Govt, sportscotland and other national agencies. Moreover, SUS' governance structures, financial management and strategic plans were commended recently following a 'fit for purpose' audit.
- **Pay and Utilities -** Filippo expressed concern over the spiralling rise in salary and utilities costs. Directors sympathised with this and conceded that further cost increases could no longer be absorbed within existing budget allowances.
- **Round the table -** gave all Universities the opportunity to report back on their current developments.

**SUS Executive is asked to consider the following:**

<b>Item</b>	
	None at Present