

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	22 April 2016
Title:	Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight Governance arrangements
Decision Reference:	7274
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources;

- i) Approves the timing of the payment of the grant; that grant funding for 2016-17 is paid to the Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) on the date of transfer (proposed 1 June 2016) and 1 October 2016 and that grant funding for 2017-18 and 2018-19 will be provided 6 monthly in advance.
- ii) Approves the arrangements for the management of the pension liabilities relating to the transferred staff as set out in the report.
- iii) Approves the timing of the payment of the pension reimbursement costs by the Council to the CIO; annually on 1 April for years 4 to 8 of the term.
- iv) Approve the principle terms of the transfer of services and funding of Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight county sports partnership from its current HCC hosting relationship to the CIO as outlined in the report.
- v) Approves the appointment of Councillor Andrew Gibson as the Council's nominated trustee to the Board of the CIO (subject to the terms of the CIO's Constitution).
- vi) Authorises the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services to undertake any other steps that are reasonably required to finalise and implement the above recommendations including agreeing the final terms of the documentation required.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (SHIOW) is one of 45 County Sports Partnerships which operate across England. It is responsible for developing specific programmes which increase participation in sport and physical activity across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and it does this by working with a wide range of organisations. These include local authorities, schools and local universities, Sport England, Public Health and the National Governing Bodies of Sport.
- 2.2 When County Sports Partnerships were set up 14 years ago, nearly all were hosted by a local authority or university. Over the last five years this arrangement has changed significantly and now nearly 50% of the County Sports Partnerships are constituted as independent organisations, including the 3 largest county sports partnerships; London, West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester. The reasons for this include a desire to act with more freedom and independence, the economic pressures being experienced by the host and a desire to capture new income opportunities not available through a hosted relationship, e.g. competing for sports development contracts with local authorities and other organisations (Sport Hampshire & IOW is not a legal entity and cannot therefore compete in its own right for contracts). Some grants are not available to local authorities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The benefits and implications of all the appropriate governance forms for a charitable organisation have been considered and the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been selected as the appropriate model for SHIOW.
- 3.2. The initial assessment by the Oaks consultancy considered various options for the future governance of SHIOW including remaining within the current hosting arrangements, an alternative host, or other forms of independence. The assessment identified independence as a charitable organisation as the most positive option to give SHIOW the opportunity to sustain and develop in the future.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

22 April 2016

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Roy Perry**