



# Athletics Network Review Meeting

**Location:** EIS Sheffield  
**Date:** 14 October 2010  
**Time:** 5pm

## Present

Stuart Rogers	SR	South Yorkshire Sport
Emma Brady	EB	England Athletics
Adam Brown	AB	England Athletics
Ashley Little	ALi	SYAN DO
Andy Lee	AL	England Athletics
Steve Gaines	SG	Rotherham Harriers AC
Kevin Lincoln	KL	Doncaster AC
Janette Tomlins	JT	Wombwell AC
Steve Marshall	SM	Hallamshire Harriers AC
Nick Gaywood	NG	Representing School Sports Partnerships

## Apologies

Lisa Wright – Competition Managers  
 Michelle Dent – FDSO  
 John Howley – City of Sheffield AC

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>AL open the meeting by introducing the purpose of the meeting and background to the reason for the meeting being called. AL also explained his role in trying to secure future investment and the provision of support to Networks.</p> <p>AL spoke of the importance in the foreseeable financial environment that we do everything possible to ensure future funding can be secured by showing the impact the Network is having.</p> <p>EB confirmed that the start date for the Network was May 2010, however to take into account the delayed recruitment process of the development officer the delivery start date is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. It is advised that the Network submit year two plan for the May deadline.</p> <p>The funding to pay for the Network Co-ordinator confirmed as Oct 10 – October 2011 as year 1.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Year 2 Submission</b></p> <p>AL talked about the Year 2 submission for funding will be done in May for their national panel with a potential allocation of £81k. SG asked how £81k had been agreed when the original amount was up to £90k. AL explained this was due to more networks being created than originally planned.</p>	

	<p>AL explained his preference to develop a submission panel for the North to award Network funding so that it is representational of the area. This would give the area the power to award or reject network applications. i.e. funding to go to those Networks that are performing.</p> <p>SG asked for clarification between the role of the Athletics Co-ordinator and the CCSO as there could be confusion about who to go to for certain programmes. AL mentioned about a strategy day for Networks on the 4<sup>th</sup> November aimed at overcoming these issues and providing clarity.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – AL to send out invite to SG</p>	AL
3.	<p><b>General Issues from Clubs</b></p> <p>AL asked the clubs for any general information/issues that they have.</p> <p>SG - Raised the relationship with Run in England and potential support available. EG has recently met with the RiE officer who can attend a future Network meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – EB/AB to pass contact to SG.</p> <p>SG began a discussion around the calendar of conferences/workshops that coaches are encouraged to attend. The group discussed the difficulty to engage coaches to attend especially those that need the support the most.</p> <p>AB is currently looking at ways of trying to get more coaches on board with coach development and the number of coaches is growing via targeted letters/communication. SM asked if someone could go into the clubs to talk to coaches. AB and ALi will be going in to clubs together and can do this. JT raised the increasing amount of time we are asking from volunteers as a concern.</p> <p>AL talked the amount of funding may equate to approx £600-700 per week and the Network needs to think about what it provides for that funding.</p> <p>SG spoke about the inflatable gantry which has been good for publicity. AL mentioned that potential publicity or good news stories could be attributed to the gantry. AL asked the group to consider the effects of what the network does and record them – ALi to co-ordinate. i.e. Training for coaches on disability has now created places for 20 more athletes competing in.....</p> <p>NG suggested that the group consider creating a Network Newsletter (Both e-news and hard copies) so that clubs could promote what they are doing and spread the word of the Network. Potentially creating a little bit of 'friendly' competition.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – ALi To co-ordinate good news stories and newsletter production by contacting clubs.</p> <p>The group talked about where consistent Network branding could be used and KL talked about the Disability Induction Pack. EB asked about the request for funding agreed at the last Network Meeting. KL said it was for two things – A) Disability training for coaches (SCUK) and B) Production of a branded induction document.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> - £300 to be paid for the course to Doncaster AC.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – SR to arrange payment to be made.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> – To hold back payment of £250 for disability induction pack.</p>	<p>EB/AB</p> <p>ALi</p> <p>SR</p>

	<p>Network to decide what the £250 payment is for. EB advised this should not be for time spent producing the document.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – KL and Michelle Dent to sit down and produce the final document.</p>	<b>KL/MD</b>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Moving Forward</b></p> <p>AL asked the Network to consider focusing on 4 or 5 key priorities to make them really successful and help to secure year two funding.</p> <p>KL talked about ‘success criteria’ that has been used in education as a really good way of assessing progress and success of projects.</p> <p>AL explained that a similar document has been produced for Networks although it is a lengthy document. AL asked EB to provide an executive summary. This can be discussed at the next network meeting.</p> <p>AL also asked if it would be possible to structure the Network Meetings around the quarter deadlines to ensure the network is aware of and contributes to the reporting.</p>	<b>EB</b>
	<p><b>Next Network Meeting</b></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> November 3pm at EIS</p>	