







The Sports Council for Northern Ireland aims to make sport happen for you.

As a lead facilitator in the development of sport the Council will work with partners to:

- increase and sustain committed participation, especially amongst young people;
- raise the standards of sporting excellence;

and

 promote the good reputation and efficient administration of sport.

The Council's aims will be achieved by developing the competencies of its staff who are dedicated to optimising the use of its resources

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Eric Saunders Chairman



I have the pleasure of presenting to you the 1999 - 2000 Annual Report for the Sports Council for Northern Ireland. I am delighted to announce that we have achieved all of the targets set for the year. Further I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my predecessor, Mr Don Allen OBE, who served as the Sports Council Chairman for most of this year and indeed nine years prior to that.

During his time in charge, Don oversaw many changes including the introduction of National Lottery funding which significantly increased our ability to fund grass roots sport, raising our profile as the lead agency for sports development in the Province. I would also like to thank my Council colleagues and my Chief Executive, Mr Eamonn McCartan, whose help and advice has made this first year both rewarding and enjoyable.

In taking up this new appointment in what is a new millennium I feel that the focus of this Annual Report should be on new beginnings, building on the

"the Sports Council has continue to providing fo

successes of this year and planning our objectives for the future.

Underpinning the Council's work is The Strategy for the Development of Sport. This sets out a vision which helps us to ensure the cohesive binding of the sporting community. The Strategy acts as a framework within which we can coordinate the resources of sport in Northern Ireland towards common goals.

Encouraging our young people to begin participating in sport is promoted through the "Starting Well" aim of the Strategy and young people are the cornerstone of our strategic approach. The Sports Council plays a pivotal role in encouraging sports participation through its Youth Sport Programme

This currently involves 600 schools in providing a platform for young people to develop a life long relationship with sport and physical activity. This will inevitably increase their enjoyment of sport, develop them socially, improve their health, give them a stronger sense

of community involvement and promote citizenship.

"Staying Involved" is the second key aim of the Strategy and identifies pathways through participation and into performance. This year we continued to encourage the strengthening of pathways by improving access to sporting opportunities. The Sports Council promoted a wide range of training and education programmes assisting coaches, club officials, administrators and sports development officers. These opportunities aim to value volunteers working in sport, improve existing provision and increase the standards of performance in school/ club links and junior club development

"Striving for Excellence" is the third aim of the Strategy and this year saw increased funding to our elite athletes through a broadening of lottery programmes to fund a wider range of athletes. This reflects a strategic shift from funding pitches and buildings to a more extensive range of people focused award programmes.

The broadening of our funding remit has given us further opportunities to support projects targeting social need. We are committed to

to give maximum effort and supporting the sporting public"

promoting equity through all our programmes and feel that sport has an important role to play in contributing to community integration and social cohesion. Developing sport for sports sake is a noble aspiration, however we believe that through our achievements this year, we have made a significant cultural impact to the benefit of society.

Without partners we could not have achieved our objectives this year and the Sports Council has continued to strengthen its existing alliances and build new ones. Indeed I had the pleasure of attending the first National Sports Development Conference at the Slieve Donard which we jointly hosted with the Irish Sports Council.

Partnership is central to the success of the Strategy for the Development of Sport. Working together with all our partner organisations we will ensure that new approaches and ideas are developed bringing a brighter sporting future for all of us.

I comend this report to you.

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Fric Saunders





E G McCartan Chief Executive

The business of promoting and developing sport continued throughout the year. Yet again our staff performed remarkably well with limited resources and demonstrated very clearly that the Sports Council significantly added to the sporting value of the province.

A number of performance indicators were agreed at the beginning of the year with the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure reflecting the framework set out in the Strategy for the Development of Sport and I have the pleasure of outlining both these

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targets set, and the many successes achieved.

Under our first policy objective of increasing participation in sport, through Starting Well, we were charged with introducing the TOPS programme to 300 primary schools and on 120 community sites in 12 district councils. TOPS aims to develop quality physical education and sports programmes for all young people. In fact, we introduced 320 primary schools to the scheme at 162 community sites.

Our second target was to ensure that 150 clubs, at least three community groups, two governing bodies, and one district council were resourced to deliver equitable sports development and practices.

We are on target to meet the objective as 17 clubs and three governing bodies; basketball, table tennis, and association



football have all participated in equity training. Community groups such as Upper Springfield and Greater Shankill Partnership have also embraced equality training and good practices. Sports clubs are attending equity training

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as part of the accreditation process to obtain Junior Kitemark, and this is now an integrated part of lottery funding.

The third target under participation was to

resource training for 600 Sport For All Leaders, 18 sports development officers, 80 school sport co-ordinators, 10 coaches (at post primary) and 15 governing body development officers.

Under policy objective two, to raise the standard of sporting excellence, ensuring sports people stay involved and strive for excellence, I am pleased to report that we managed to assist 150 coaches achieve coaching awards in 13 sports, and established the Northern Ireland's Sports Institute network centre with an associated framework of financial resources.

Our Lottery Unit also renewed and amended it's existing lottery programmes to reflect the strategic shift from mainly capital (pitches, pavilions, changing facilities) projects to include a more extensive range of revenue award programmes.

Policy objective three aims to promote the good reputation and efficient administration of sport, and I am delighted to report that the Council launched it's new electronic information service under the 'www.sportni.org' web address. It is hoped that this web address will become a focal point for sporting information throughout Northern Ireland and will greatly enhance the Council's ability to disseminate information and keep up

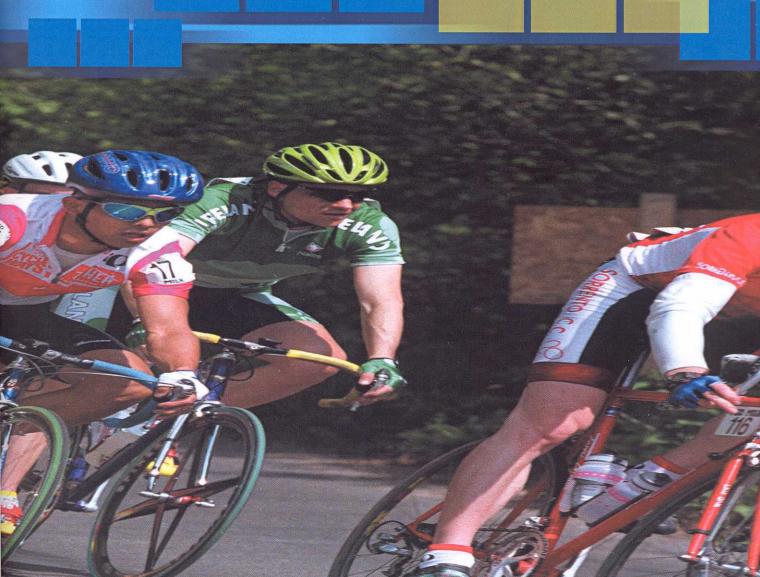
to date with the leading edge of technology and communication into the 21st Century. We also effected a 4% saving on department running costs, and ensured that Information Technology and embedded systems were Year 2000 compliant

Much else was achieved throughout what was, for us, a very busy year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for achieving these targets whilst remaining professionally focused and committed to making sport happen.

Eamonn McCartan

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Some of the highlights of the year included:

- 120 people attending a Youth Sport Seminar in the Slieve Donard Hotel.
- Belfast Regional Partnership appointed Shane McCullough as their Project Manager - the first appointment of its kind in Northern Ireland.
- The first Belfast School of Sport was organised with 440 young people participating in 17 sports (23-25 February 2000)
- Two days training per board (12 in total) were organised for School Sports Co-ordinators and attended by an average of 18 co-ordinators.
- Seven Junior Club Development courses were held and attended by 40 clubs.
- 10 tutors were trained to deliver sports parent courses.
- In excess of £300,000 was invested in Youth Sport from sources not normally noted for their investment in Youth Sport.

Youth Sport Foyle was nominated for the prestigious 'Laureus' Award. The top nominee will received \$100,000 dollars.

Support has been received from the New Opportunities Fund towards bids for pilot projects for Youth Sport. Initial consultations have taken place with 25 school principals concerning these bids.

At the Youth Sport Seminar in May 1999, the findings from the Evaluation of Youth Sport (Northern Ireland) were presented by the centre for Leisure Research in Edinburgh.

The key recommendations were the need to:

- commitment amongst all partner agencies at a strategic level to ensure long term sustainability;
- increase the number of quality coaches available for after school programmes;
- develop child friendly clubs that are willing and able to meet the needs of young people;
- to secure and/or maintain timetable time for co-ordinators; and
- remain focused on Youth Sport as a key initiative and avoid 'initiativitis'.



Course	No of Courses	No of Participants
Child Protection	27	316
NCF Coach Education Courses	42	522
Equity Training	19	280
Sports Administration	7	78
First Aid	8	96
Junior Club Development	8	52

Junior Clubmark Accreditation

The Junior Clubmark, Northern Ireland's quality accreditation scheme for Junior sports clubs, has continued to generate interest with 5 clubs receiving the Goldclub Award and 12 clubs receiving the Clubmark Award from former Irish international rugby player Willie Anderson and Professor Eric Saunders at a presentation ceremony in May.

Goldclub

Ballymoney Hockey Club Ballynahinch Rugby Football Club Irvinestown Lawn Tennis Club Tir na nOg GAC (Hurling Section) Tir na nOg GAC (Football Section)

The successful clubs are:

Clubmark

Antrim Junior Squash Club
Ballymena Rugby Football Club
Belfast United Women's/Girls' Football Club
Castle Park Youth Soccer Club
Northern Ireland Civil Service
Ladies Hockey Club, Belfast
Comber Recreation Football Club
Gort Na Mona Camogie Club
Killen Youths Football Club
Limavady Cricket and Rugby Football Club
(Rugby Section)
Na Magha Hurling Club
Portaferry Camogie Club
Triangle School of Soccer, Coleraine

Sports Leadership Training

The Sport For All Leader Award Scheme, launched in December 1998 as an all Ireland training programme has been successfully promoted in Northern Ireland and the six border counties with 122 new tutors and 1057 new leaders being trained. The funding from the EU Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation ceases in June 2000, however the Irish Sports Council and the Sports Council for Northern Ireland have both given a commitment to further expand and promote the Sport for All Leader Award. The aim is to increase the number of leaders who can introduce people of all ages and abilities to recreational sport.

An evaluation of the Award Scheme found:

- Training provided for leaders gave them the confidence to include children of all abilities when delivering courses.
- Leaders felt the variety offered resulted in a sustained level of interest in the community.
- Participants found the games were not just sporty but catered for all types of young people.
- Leaders and tutors gained organisational, communication and presentation skills, which they felt applied to many contexts outside sport.
- Tutors felt that leaders from excluded backgrounds had gained many skills.
- Room for expansion of modules to tackle other related issues such as alcohol and drug abuse.

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Coaching/Coaching Projects

A major policy document, "The Development of Coaching in the UK", which will influence the future direction of the development of coaching in Northern Ireland, was published in October 1999 by UK Sport. The Council made significant contributions to this strategic plan, and has put in place, with key partners, projects to help achieve an agreed vision for coaching in the 21st century.

New coaching development policies have begun to be developed, based on the major issues identified in the document, and these will be finalised in 2000/2001.

The Council continued to co-operate with National Caoching Training Centre, Limerick, to facilitate the assimilation of experienced tutors into the National Coaching Development Programme. Twenty coach tutors from four sports: hockey, badminton, squash and table tennis, were identified and have commenced a specific training programme.

Support for high performance coaches continued with a further 15 coaches undertaking a training needs analysis and receiving an individualised action plan in partnership with the National Coaching Federations's High Performance Coaching Unit.

Northern Ireland Institute of Coaching

The volume of work carried out by the Institute increased again this year. The membership and a new membership benefits package has been developed for 2000/2001. The Institute saw the growth of annual turnover up by 14% to £137,000.

National Sports Development Conference

The first National Sports Development Conference jointly organised with the Irish Sports Council took place in October 1999 in the Slieve Donard Hotel. Some 285 delegates from Government departments, local authorities, governing bodies of sport, education and other organisations attended the event which considered issues relating to planning, local sports development, social inclusion, and high performance sport.

Mr John McFall MP, then Northern Ireland Minister for Education and Economic Development and Dr James McDaid TD, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism in Ireland gave the opening addresses and delegates received a keynote address by President Mary McAleese.

The conference highlighted the need for improved communication and co-ordination in sport throughout Ireland and enabled delegates to share experiences and learn from each other over the three days.

Sports Science Support Programme (SSSP) and Sports Medicine

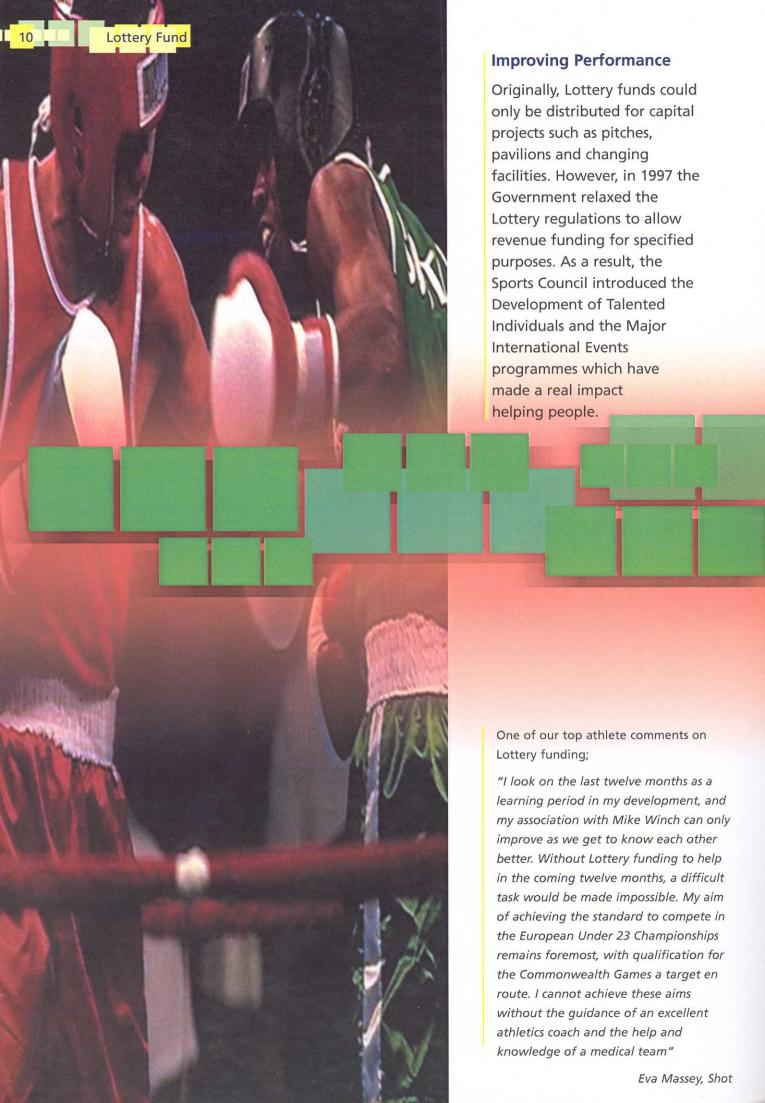
The SSSP focused on developing support for sport specific field based fitness testing. A workshop programme was piloted and new resources purchased to supplement the existing fitness testing equipment currently available for loan.

Two projects involving performance analysis for weightlifting and telemetry for mountain biking were supported.

Following representation from a number of sports medicine practitioners and other interested parties, the SCNI agreed to facilitate the compilation of a Sport and Exercise Medicine Strategy for Northern Ireland.

The strategy has been taken to final draft stage, and was developed by a working group made up by physicians, physiotherapists and representation from NHS Trusts, sports injury clinics, British Association of Sport and Excercise Medicine (NI), Health Promotion Agency and the Department of Health.





The regulations were further relaxed in 1999, allowing for an even wider range of revenue programmes to be funded including the UK Sports Institute and the Millennium Awards programmes. The Government also directed the Sports Council to take into account a wider range of issues when determining the types of projects which are to be supported, including 'Targeting Social Need' and social inclusion.

New Programmes

As a result of these changes the Lottery Fund's capital programme closed in March 1999. At the close of the capital programme, the Lottery Unit received applications requesting in the region of £35 million, against an available budget at this stage of approximately £3.5 million.

After a period of extensive consultation, the capital programme was replaced by a number of programme themes under the area of capital funding. At the same stage, the Lottery revenue programmes were also reviewed and a number of new programme themes were introduced. These new capital

and revenue programmes included:

- Club Sport to assist sports clubs and governing bodies with the development of their facilities.
- Talented Athlete Next Generation to assist potential talented athletes with their training and competition.

This revised raft of Lottery capital and revenue programmes were launched during a series of information 'roadshows' throughout Northern Ireland during February and March 2000.

The new programmes were designed not only to take into account the reduced level of Lottery funding available to the Sports Council but also:

- the needs of sport, as defined within the Strategy for the Development of Sport in Northern Ireland, 1997-2005;
- the proposals contained in the new SCNI document 'Pathways To Participation and Performance: A Strategy for the Distribution of Lottery Monies 1999-2002';
- the need to complement other SCNI funded investments in Northern Ireland.

(i) Capital Programmes

The capital programmes which have been developed to operate for the period 2000-2002 are:

	Opening	Annual Programme Budget
Club Sport	Feb 2000	£1,000,000
Community Sport	Feb 2000	£500,000
Major Projects: Sport Share	Feb 2000	£600,000
Major Projects: Performance Facilities	Feb 2000	£300,000
Play Sport	May 2000	£300,000
Safe Sports Grounds	May 2000	£300,000
TOTAL		£3,000,000

(ii) Revenue Programmes

The revenue programmes which have been developed to operate for the period 2000-2002 are:

	Opening	Annual Programme Budget
Talented Junior	Feb 2000	£350,000
Talented Athlete	Current	£430,000
Talented Athlete: Next Generation	Current	£100,000
Major International Events	Current	£150,000
Performance Management	Sep 2000	£200,000
Talented Coach	Sep 2000	£150,000
Small Awards	June 2000	£150,000
TOTAL		£1,530,000

Challenge Funding

Applicants to the Sports Council under all the Lottery programmes are in a very competitive environment. A true 'challenge-fund' has developed and applicants to the Lottery Fund compete both with the criteria of the awards programme and with the other applicants who apply at the same time.

Applicants are also aware that demand for funding outstrips supply and although Lottery funding continues to make a significant impact, eligible applicants must be of a very high standard in order to be successful in obtaining an award.

Lottery Funding Application Process

In response to the more limited level of funding and to take into account the comments of applicants, the Lottery Fund made the application process more straight forward:

- each programme now has a two-stage application process.
 This reduces the cost and time commitments of applicants with projects that do not meet the eligibility criteria;
- each programme now has a dedicated information and guidance booklet and dedicated application form;
- each programme now has an indicative annual budget and a specific closing date for applications.

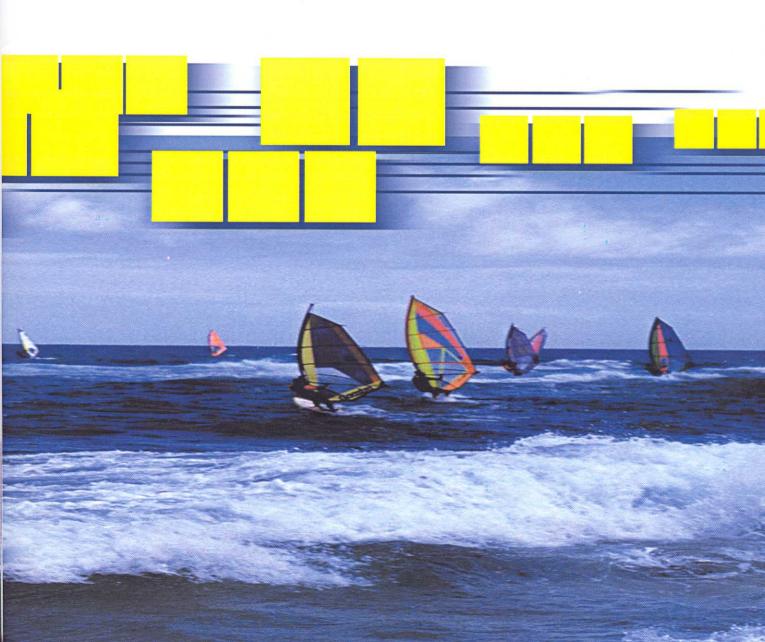


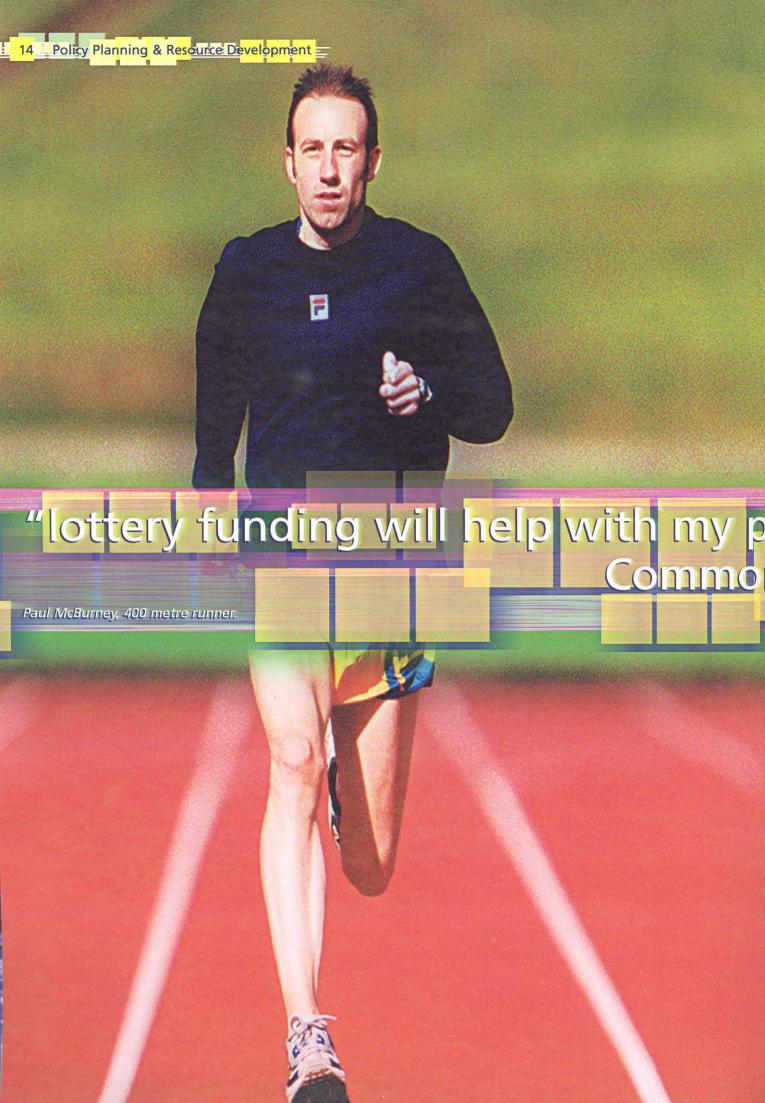
Conclusion

There have been positive outcomes of the Lottery investment made to date. However, there will be increased competition for funding in the future and the strategic programme which has been developed will ensure greater effectiveness of Lottery investments made.

"Whilst I have worked hard to achieve a high standard of fitness and mental preparedness for the golfing season I would also pay tribute to the contribution made by the Lottery Fund. I have found that the funding provides opportunity to travel to competitions outside Ireland, and to compete against the best players in the World. Without such experience it is difficult to learn how to win at top class level."

Alison Coffey, Golfer.





Strategic Direction & Policy Research

It was another productive year for Council strategy and policy research. An in depth paper was produced on the planning and implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Sport in Northern Ireland. This paper was used to produce a Strategy Newsletter which highlighted the significant progress made in realising targets. Due to the success sustained, a review is planned later in 2000.

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Research Projects

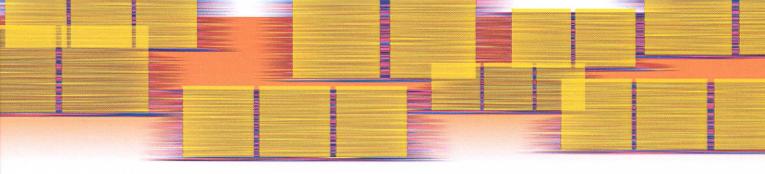
The ongoing close relationship between research and development continued to be strengthened through a number of projects. These projects provided management information and an evidence base which could be used in directing development and fine tuning development. Among the projects completed were:

- a survey of the human and physical resources involved in the management and delivery of physical education and games in schools in Northern Ireland;
- an audit of the human, financial and physical resources involved in the management and delivery of sport by community and voluntary groups outside the traditional sports sector;
- an evaluation of the effectiveness of Youth Sport and options for sustainability;
- high performance coaching in Northern Ireland: Global comparisons and options for Northern Ireland;
- a review of the income to SCNI supported governing bodies of sport;
- the economic importance of sport in Northern Ireland;
- a review of District Council progress in meeting agreed targets within the Strategy of the Development of Sport.

Policy implications for the future development of sport can be established by results from this research over the year. These will have far reaching implications for future development and funding, including:

- within the education service considerable differences in the opportunities for children to get involved in sport depending on the school attended, whether maintained or controlled, grammar or secondary;
- the availability in state grammar schools in terms of the human resources available for sport, time devoted to curriculum and extracurriculum activities and quality of many facilities;
- the strong desire among youth and community groups to embrace best practice sports development as promoted by the Sports Council and the opportunity to meet Targeting Social Needs requirements;
- the positive light in which sport is seen among youth and community groups particularly in relation to alleviating anti - social behaviour, benefiting community relations and





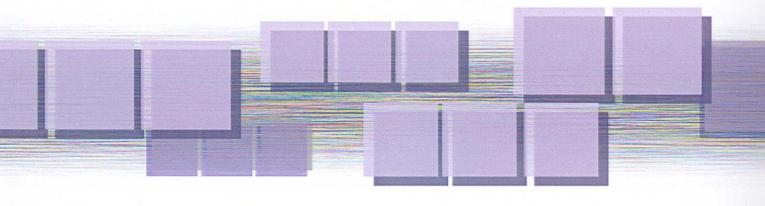
- contributing to personal and social development, especially of young people;
- the high regard with which Youth Sport is viewed, and the issues of sustaining the initiative in the face of reducing resourcing;
- the potential of many governing bodies of sports to employ their own officers on similar incomes to most SCNI staff through modest increases in affiliation fees;
- the potential of many bodies to become more self sustaining organisations with sound development plans;
- the urgent need for a proper coach education and employment system to be established in order to meet the expectations of the public for future international success;
- the need to reward those athletes and coaches willing to devote themselves to the attainment of world class performance and to realise that Northern Ireland has a long way to go even to match the investment in excellence of the other countries in the Isles.



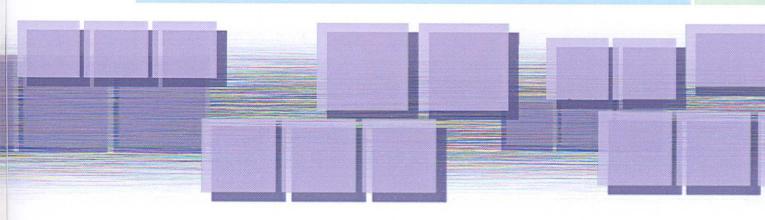
RECURRENT GRANT-AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 1 APRIL 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000

Events	Representative £	Administration £	& Training £	& Equipment £	
NI Association of Aeromodellers	500		310	190	1000
British Aikido Association (NI Region)			1000		1000
Ulster Angling Federation	1250	1250			2500
Ulster Sea Angling Federation	1000				1000
NI Archery Society	2430	306			2736
NI Athletics Association	14646	30142	2604		47392
Ulster Branch Badminton					
Union of Ireland	2050	14416	2550		19016
Ulster Basketball Association	2140	7078	1520		10738
NI Billiards & Snooker Control Council					0
Irish Bowling Association	2200	1417	800		4417
rish Women's Bowling Association	7500	524			8024
rish Indoor Bowling Association	3469	876			4345
Irish Women's Indoor Bowling Associati	ion 940		60		1000
UPC Irish Amateur Boxing Association	2000	4875	1000	500	8375
Canoe Association of NI	325	3221	3250	800	75956
Ulster Camogie Council		3500	6000	500	10000
Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation	700	200	450	150	1500
NI Cricket Association	3657	17703	4540	240	26140
Ulster Cycling Federation	3500	814	850		5164
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society B	В	356	920		1276
Dance Sport Northern Ireland Ltd	1500				1500
NI Amateur Fencing Union	2150	552	1050		3752
Fitness NI	4124	200			4324
Irish Football Association	2000	38285	12000		52285
American Football Association of Irelan	nd 400	150	450		1000
Gaelic Games (Hurling/Football)		19963	24850		44813
Ulster Gliding Club		494	900		1394
Hang Gliding	600				600
Golfing Union of Ireland UB			1000		1000
Irish Ladies Golf Union NE	600	202	400		1202
NI Amateur Gymnastics Association	3622	7313	1162		12097
Ulster Handball Council	1500	317	1500		3317
UB Irish Hockey Union	18818	16944	2920		38682
Ulster Women's Hockey Union	5560	20458	6880		32898
Hockey (Joint)		853	4000		4853
NI Ice Skating Association	1500				1500
NI Judo Federation	2580	5227	3980		11787





	International & Representative	Staffing & Administration	Development & Training	Facilities & Equipment	TOTA
Events					
NI Karate Control Board	1600	157	900		2657
NCMA			1000		1000
NI Karting Association	1200		300		1500
Royal Life Saving Society UB	300	1745	400		2445
Motor Cycle Union of Ireland	5900	2304			8204
Mountaineering Council of Ireland		12			12
NI Netball Association	12644	9620	1784		24048
NI Orienteering Association	3221	1428	2350		6999
NI Pool Association			1000		1000
UC Racquetball Association of Ireland		50	675	275	1000
British Horse Society NIR		2830			2830
Irish Amateur Rowing Union UB	1281	1972	3495	220	6968
Irish Rugby Football Union		16000			16000
Royal Yachting Association	1475	8759	325		10559
Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association		1676	2880		4556
Ulster Rifle Association	1500	1016	250	250	3016
NI Smallbore Rifle Union		25			25
Ulster Ski Council	1200	475	1400		3075
Speleological Union of Ireland		500	500		1000
Ulster Squash Rackets Association	3212	11721	4500	600	20033
NI Federation of Sub Aqua Clubs		37	1000		1037
Irish Surfing Association	701		199	100	1000
UB Irish Amateur Swimming Association	3000	14238	2160		19398
NI Sports Forum		5817			5817
Taekwon Do Association of NI	329	100	571		1000
UB Irish Table Tennis Association	1870	7673	1750		11293
Irish Lawn Tennis Association UC	600	11895	2400		14895
NI Tenpin Bowling Association	2000	12			2012
NI Trampoline Association		108			108
UB Irish Triathlon Association	5800	1079	550		7429
NI Tug-of-War Association	3500	500			4000
NI Volleyball Association					0
Irish Water Polo Association UB	600	102	1200	200	2102
Irish Water Ski Federation (NI Sub Com)	900	400	400	300	2000
NI Amateur Weightlifters Association	800	5	200		1005
Yoga Fellowship NI		3016			3016
Disabled Sport	3100	357	1700		5157
Miscellaneous		2299			2299
Total	149994	305567	120836	4325	580722



Notes

Staffing & Administration

Figures include grant towards administrative costs, financial support for the employment of staff, value of subsidised services and attendance at international federation meetings.

Development & Training

Figures include grant towards training of officials and coaches, nurturing talent and participation initiatives.

International & Representative Competitions

Figures include grant towards international and representative events at home and abroad. Commonwealth Games preparation and squad training for high level competition programmes.

Facilities & Equipment

Figures include grant towards the provision of equipment and centres of excellence.



Capital Investment In Sport

Table (3) shows that since the advent of Lottery monies for capital projects, the SCNI receives to Capital Finance from DENI.

This contrasts with other Countries of the UK, for example England will continue to receive and places an even heavier burden on extreme limit of the exchequer and Lottery funds.

CAPITAL GRANTS PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 1974-200

Financial Year	74/75	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/2000
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Bodies	93,534	194,995	144,603	115,273	36,017	17,652	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sports Council		68,762	111,842	75,999	62,961	895,361	320,949	163,292	88,929	49,460
District Councils	2,141,532	1,142,825	1,355,610	1,524,589	326,998	234,790	14,333	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	2,235,066	1,406,582	1,612,055	1,715,861	425,976	1,147,803	335,282	163,292	88,929	49,460

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 1999-2000

Policy Objective One

(1) To introduce the Tops project in 300 primary schools and on 120 community sites in 12 District Councils.

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(2) To ensure that 150 clubs, 1 District Council, 3 community groups and 2 governing bodies are resourced to deliver equitable sports development and practices.

ACHIEVED

(3) To resource training for 600 Sport For All Leaders, 18 sports development officers (attached) to District Councils and ELBs and community groups, 80 school sport co-ordinators (based in post primary schools), 10 coaches at different levels and 15 governing body development officers.

ACHIEVED

Policy Objective Two

(4) To assist 150 coaches achieve coaching awards in 13 sports.

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(5) To review and amend existing lottery programmes to reflect the strategic shift from mainly capital to include a more extensive range of revenue award programmes.

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(6) Milestone: To establish UKSI Northern Ireland network and associated framework of financial resources.

ONGOING

Policy Objective Three

(7) To launch the Council's new electronic information service by January 2000.

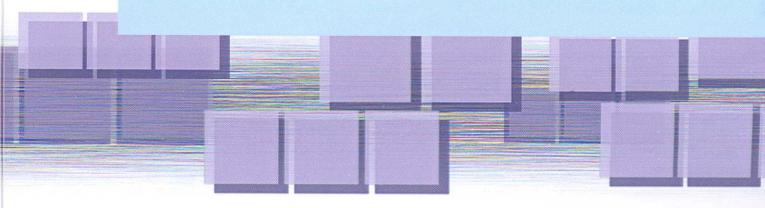
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(8) To maintain business continuity by ensuring that the Council's mission critical IT and embedded systems are Year 2000 compliant.

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(9) Efficiency: Based on 1996/97 baseline to effect savings of 4% in departmental running costs.

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FOREWORD TO THE ACCOUNTS

Background Information

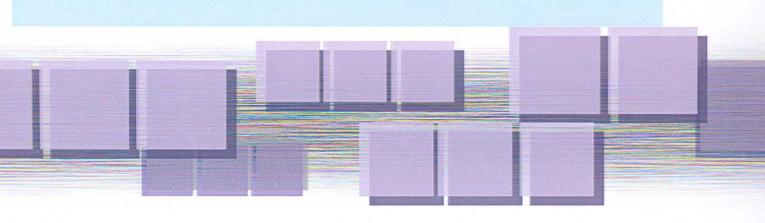
The Sports Council for Northern Ireland (SCNI) is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (formerly the Department of Education for Northern Ireland) established on 31 December 1973 under the provisions of the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1973. Its object is the furtherance of sport and physical recreation and its principal functions are as provided by Article 3 of the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

- (a) On matters relating to sport and physical recreation, to advise the Department and other Government departments, Education and Library Boards, District Councils and other bodies interested in sport and physical recreation,
- (b) to encourage the provision of facilities for and participation in sport and physical recreation,
- (c) to assist, subject to Paragraph (4) of the article
 - (i) the provision of administrative services, equipment, coaching and instruction; and
 - (ii) the organising or supporting of, or participating in, international or other events, by bodies providing facilities for sport or physical recreation or organising such activities, and
 - (iii) to assist, subject to Paragraph (4) the Article, bodies providing supportive services in connection with sport and physical recreation.

Article 5 of the 1986 Order as amended by the Financial Provisions (NI) Order 1991 provides that the Department may, subject to such conditions as the Department thinks fit, make grants towards the expenses of the Sports Council.

These financial statements are the first to have been prepared on an accruals basis and must show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland's activities at the year end and of its income and expenditure, total recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the financial year.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Article 7 of the Order and in a form directed by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel. A copy of the Accounts Direction can be found at Annex A.



Business Review

A full review of Sports Council activities is given on pages 8 to 23 of the Annual Report.

Results for the Year

The results of SCNI are set out in detail on page 34. The income & expenditure surplus for the year was £77,198 (1999 - cash deficit £11,743)

Fixed Assets

Details of the movement of fixed assets are set out in note 10 to the accounts. Assets have been recorded at historic cost and depreciated over their useful lives. Material assets purchased within asset categories prior to 1 April 1999 have been included: their total historic cost was £154,090 with accumulated depreciation £92,296.

A number of assets that existed prior to 1 April 1999 were capitalised on a valuation basis: they were the Tollymore Mountain Centre (TMC), that was valued at £266,261 by Valuation & Lands Branch of the DOE, a motorhome used as a drug testing vehicle that was capitalised at the proceeds of disposal of £13,100 (the proceeds were remitted to the Department) and a minibus in use at TMC that was valued at its trade-in value of £5,993 against the purchase of a replacement minibus.

Investigation of the origins of the TMC building confirmed that it was financed through grant provided by the Department of Education (NI). It was concluded that it was reasonable to capitalise the asset at its market value on 1 April 1999 and to create a corresponding entry in the Deferred Government Grant Account for release to the Income and Expenditure Account to cover the annual charge for depreciation. Indexation has been applied to this opening valuation for Land & Buildings.

Future Developments

The significant developments the Sports Council will focus on in the year 2000-2001 are:

- The introduction of challenge funding in line with investment philosophy in exchequer funding.
- The expansion of lottery revenue programmes to support coaching and nurturing athletic talent.
- The development of lottery capital programmes to include investment in multi-sport school and community sites and enhanced school sport facilities.

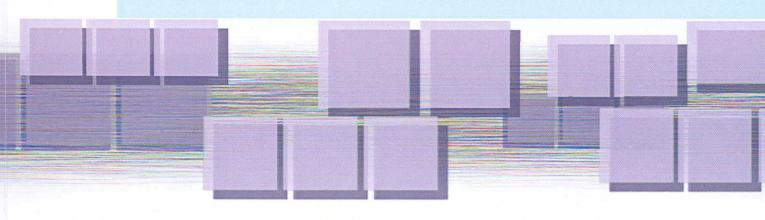
The Sports Council takes seriously its obligations under new Targeting Social Needs and Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and will develop programmes accordingly.

Important Events Occurring After the Year End

There have been no significant events since the year-end that would affect these accounts.

Charitable Donations

The Council has made no charitable donations during the year.



Board Members

The Council consists of a Chairman and Vice Chairman and other persons appointed by the Minister after consultation with representatives of District Councils, Education and Library Boards and participants in sport and physical recreation. The following served as board members during the year:

Chairman:

D F Allen (until 6 March 2000)

Vice Chairman: S R Hilditch MBE

Members:

D I Bowen

M Bradley

N McConnell

F McGrady

J McKeever

J O'Neill (until October 1999)

W Phillips

P D Robinson MP (until December 1999)

Prof. E D Saunders

C J G Shillington CBE DL JP

R J Stoker

R G Trouton

M Wilson OBE

Professor E D Saunders was appointed Chairman with effect from 7 March 2000.

Between the end of the financial year and the date on which these accounts were approved the following changes took place to the composition of the Council:

A new Council was appointed with effect from April 2000 by the Secretary of State with the following composition:

Chairman:

Professor E D Saunders

Vice Chairman:

C J G Shillington CBE DL JP

Members:

H Brady

G Carson

M Cusdin

J Davidson

J Gallagher

A Hamill

M Hill

N Mc Connell

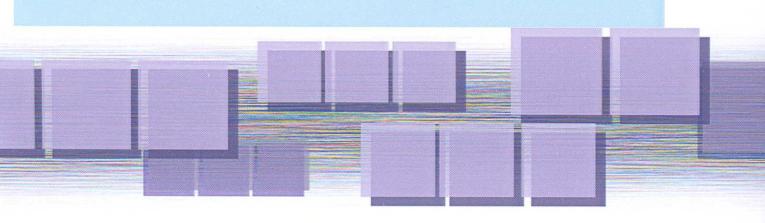
S Martin

M Murphy

T Ringland

J Sanderson

R G Trouton



Equality of Opportunity

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland is committed to the development of positive policies to promote equal opportunity in employment based on practices which are non-discriminatory as between people of differing abilities, religion, political view, nationality, race, colour or sex.

Employees with a disability

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland ensures that people with a disability are given opportunities for suitable employment and that they are not discriminated against on the grounds of disability for either recruitment, training or promotion purposes.

Employee consultation

On matters of policy and procedure which affect the employees of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland, the Council normally consults with the recognised trade union of which the staff are members. This trade union is also a member of the Whitley Council which negotiates the terms and conditions of members with the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel.

Payment to Suppliers

The Sports Council is committed to the prompt payment of bills for goods and services received in accordance with the Confederation of British Industry's Prompt Payers Code. Unless otherwise stated in the contract, payment is due within 30 days of the receipt of the goods or services, or presentation of a valid invoice or similar demand, whichever is later.

During the year 85% of bills were paid within this standard: regular reviews aim to improve this percentage.

Year 2000 Issues

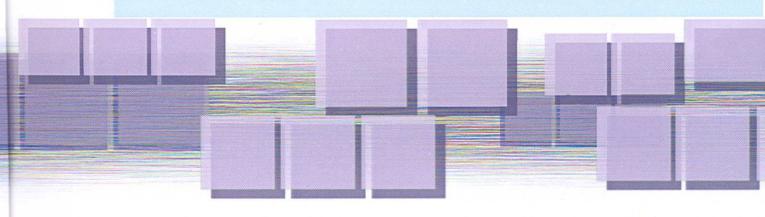
Chief Executive

During 1999 the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (formerly Department of Education Northern Ireland) through the Information Systems Strategy Programme Executive set up a committee to address the Year 2000 issues. The risks and uncertainties associated with the Year 2000 problem were assessed by the Council and a programme of work was initiated to ensure systems were Year 2000 compliant. A thorough review of computer systems, both hardware and software was carried out in the period to 1 January 2000. The costs associated with this programme of work were approximately £2,300, which covered the cost of software amendments, allowances for staff working on the project over the New Year period and the costs of replacing personal computers. This work was entirely successful as no problems occurred at that time.

We continue to monitor the situation in case rarely used software and hardware develop problems but we remain confident that the organisation will not suffer as a result of the Year 2000.

Eamonn G McCartan Date

Sports Council for Northern Ireland



Statement of the System of Internal Financial Control

As Accounting Officer, I accept my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.

The system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:-

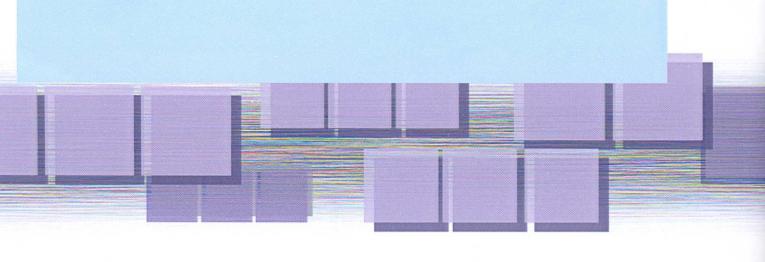
- comprehensive budgeting systems with a three year Corporate Plan and an annual operational plan which are reviewed and agreed by the Council
- regular reviews by the Council of monthly and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against
 the forecasts
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- systems for the assessment and control of grant applications ensuring that all applications receive sufficient and consistent processing in line with the financial and policy directions issued by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (formerly Department of Education Northern Ireland).

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland's internal audit function is provided by an external company operating to standards defined in the Government Internal Audit Manual. The work of Internal Audit is informed by an analysis of the risk to which the Council is exposed and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risk and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the Council's Audit Committee and approved by me. At least annually, Internal Audit provides me with a report on internal audit activity in the Council. This report includes Internal Audit's independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's system of internal financial control.

My review of the work of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by the internal audit programme carried out by Internal Audit, the Audit Committee which oversees the internal audit programme, the executive managers within the Council who have responsibility for the maintenance of the financial control framework and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports.

Any weaknesses identified from internal audit activity and other control mechanisms were minor in nature and have been addressed through management action. Progress on the implementation of internal auditors recommendations is reviewed by the Audit Committee.

Eamonn G McCartan Date
Chief Executive
Sports Council for Northern Ireland



Statement of NDPB's and Chief Executive's Responsibilities

Under the Recreation & Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, the Sports Council for Northern Ireland is required to prepare a statement of accounts in the form and on the basis determined by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and must give a true and fair view of the Council's state of affairs at the year end and of its income and expenditure, total recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the financial year.

In preparing the accounts the Council is required to:

- · Observe the accounts direction issued by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, including the relevant accounting and disclosure requirements, and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- · Make judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- · State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed and disclose and explain any material departures in the financial statements: and
- · Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Council will continue in operation.

The Accounting Officer of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure has designated the Chief Executive of the Sports Council as the Accounting Officer for Sports Council. The Chief Executive's relevant responsibilities as Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances and for the keeping of proper records, are set out in the non-departmental public bodies Accounting Officer's Memorandum, issued by the Department of Finance and Personnel.

Report to the members of the Board of Sports Council For Northern Ireland

We certify that we have audited the financial statements on pages 34 to 52 under the Recreation and Youth service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 38 to 40.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Executive and Auditors

As described on page 31 the Chief Executive is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for ensuring the regularity of financial transactions. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and on the regularity of the financial transactions included in them and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts, disclosures and regularity of financial transactions included in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Chief Executive in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Sports Council for Northern Ireland's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by error, or by fraud or other irregularity and that, in all material respects, the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

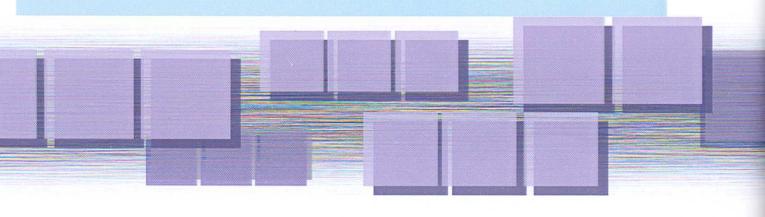
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland as at 31 March 2000 and of the surplus, total recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and directions made thereunder by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure; and
- in all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2000

	Notes	2000
		£
Income		
Grant from the Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure	2	2,406,970
Grant from Other Activities:		
European	3a	253,644
Other	3b	15,000
Income From Activities	4	562,611
Income from Lottery	4	500,917
Other Income	5	53,840
Total Income		3,792,982
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	6	1,439,840
Depreciation	10	53,840
Grants	8	991,719
Other Operating Costs	8	1,183,288
Notional Costs	9	47,097
Total Expenditure		3,715,784
Surplus for the Year		77,198
Credit in Respect of Notional Costs	9	47,097
Amount Transferred to Reserves		124,295

All amounts above relate to continuing activities

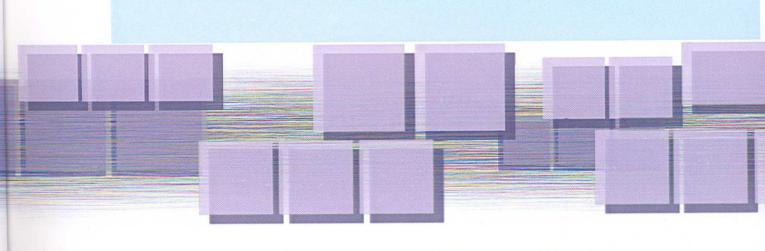
The notes on pages 32 to 44 form part of these accounts



Statement of Total Recognised Gains & losses for the year ended 31 March 2000

	Notes	2000
		£
Result for the Year		77,198
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of fixed assets		4,671
Total Recognised Gains / (Losses) for the Year		81,869

The notes on pages 38 to 52 form part of these accounts



Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2000

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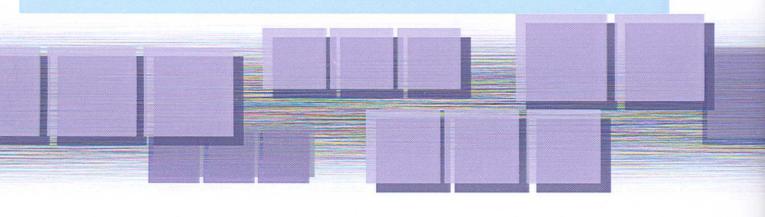
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Chief Executive

Sports Council for Northern Ireland

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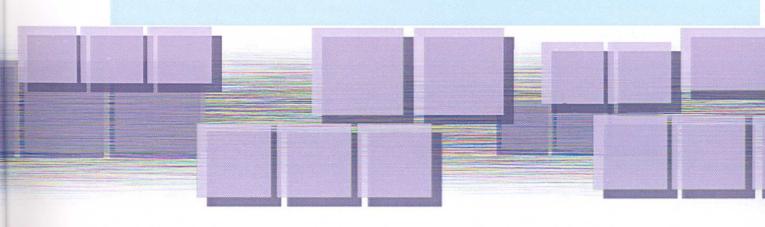


Cash Flow as at 31 March 2000

	Note		2000
			£
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	14.1		(97,869)
Returns on investment & Servicing of Finance			0
Taxation			0
Capital Expenditure	10		
Purchase of Fixed Assets		56,258	
Disposal of Fixed Assets		(5,993)	
			(50,265)
Net Cash Inflow / Outflow Before Financing			(148,134)
Financing	2		49,460
Decrease in Cash			(98,674)

Disposals shown on this page differ from those shown on note 10 by £13,100. This figure represents the cash received for the disposal of the Drugs Bus. The cash was returned to the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure.

The notes on pages 38 to 52 form part of these accounts



Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and with the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and directions made thereunder by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leigure

Without limiting the information given, the financial statements comply with the accounting and disclosure requirements of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, the accounting standards issued or adopted by the Accounting Standards Board and accounting and disclosure requirements issued by the Department of Finance and Personnel, insofar as those requirements are appropriate.

1.2 Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared in a form directed by the Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure as approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel.

1.3 Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis and is matched to the expenditure that it finances.

All Revenue grant-in-aid from the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure and other sources is taken to the income and expenditure account for the year to which it relates.

Capital grant-in-aid from the Department is transferred to a deferred government grant account and an amount equal to the depreciation charge for the year is released to the deferred income account.

Fees or charges for services provided by the Council are determined in accordance with the Treasury's "Fees and Charges Guide"

A service level agreement operates between Sports Council exchequer and Lottery. This covers corporate services provided and charged for: the figure shown as Service to lottery activities in note 4 does not include any amount for rent. No liability has been recognised for rental income due.

1.4 Grants Payable

Where a grant offer is made, a commitment for the value of the offer will be recognised in the balance sheet as a liability (grants outstanding). Where the period of the grant offer extends beyond the end of the Sports Council's accounting period, any element of the grant which falls after the balance sheet date is recorded as a deferred grant and carried forward in current assets to be expensed in the following year.

1.5 National Lottery Costs

The Sports Council is required to apportion between its Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution activities, the costs of services provided from its Grant-in-Aid budget that are directly and demonstrably used on Lottery functions and vice versa.

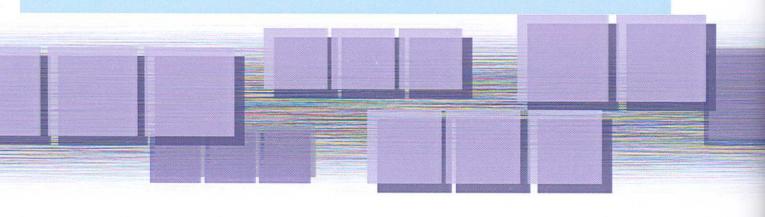
The costs so apportioned to the National Lottery Distribution activities will be paid from the Lottery Fund to the Grantin Aid account.

1.6 Research and Development

Research and Development costs are written off as incurred and not carried forward as an asset.

1.7 Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, after applying a capitalisation limit of £1,000 to individual items and pooling of items costing more than £500 and which in aggregate total more than £5,000, and after taking into account



the costs incurred in bringing the assets into use but not expenditure properly chargeable to the income and expenditure account. Depreciation has been provided using the straight line method so as to write off each asset, whether individual or pooled, over its estimated useful life. Depreciation is charged in full for the year in which the individual or pooled asset is acquired; no depreciation is charged in the year in which the individual or pooled asset is disposed.

The rates of depreciation in use are as follows:-

Land & Buildings	Shorter of 50 years or balance of lease
Information Technology	
(Hardware & Software)	33 1/3%
Fixtures & Fittings	20%
Specialised Sports Equipment	20%
Vehicles	25%

An impairment review is carried out annually and any loss in value is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Rent payable under lease agreements negotiated is regularly brought up to current market rates through periodic reviews. Where no economic benefits of ownership accrue, a lease is considered to have the characteristics, not of a financial arrangement, but of the provision of a service and is not capitalised.

1.8 Operating leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the Income & Expenditure account in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

1.9 Notional Cost of Capital

From the 1999/00 year, these financial statements make provision for the notional cost of capital employed by the Council. The Income & Expenditure account includes the notional cost of capital employed by the Council calculated as 6% of the average capital employed over the financial year.

1.10 Pension Costs

The pension cost in respect of employees is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account so as to recognise the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives.

1.11 Value Added Tax

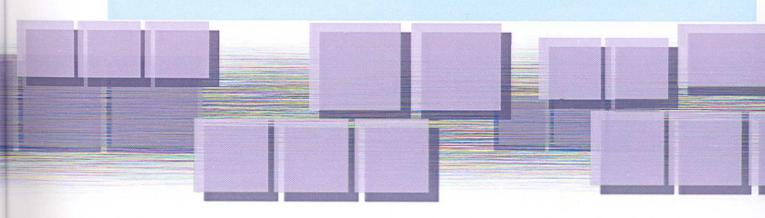
The Council is treated as partially exempt for VAT purposes and can only reclaim a proportion of the VAT incurred. The unclaimed balance of VAT is charged to individual items of expenditure to which the VAT relates.

1.12 Debtors

Debtors mainly arise from regular users of services at House of Sport and Tollymore Mountain Centre. Bad debt provision is assessed annually.

1.13 Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.



2. GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

2000 £

Exchequer Funding (Vote 12)	2,456,430
Less transfer of capital element to deferred income (note 15)	49,460
Revenue grants credited to Income and Expenditure account	2,406,970

3a. GRANT FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

2000 £

European Funding	253,644
Total European Grants	253,644

3b. OTHER GRANTS

2000

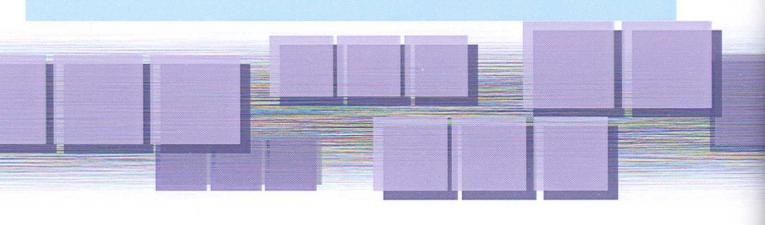
Grant – Other Sources	15,000
Total Other Grants	15,000

4. INCOME FROM ACTIVITIES

Income from activities comprises:	2000
	£
Sports Development	127,874
Tollymore Mountain Centre	178,933
Services to Partners	255,804
Total	562,611
Service to Lottery Activities	500,917

5. OTHER INCOME

Other income comprises transfers from the deferred government grants account of £53,840.



6. STAFF COSTS

Gross	£
Salaries & Wages	1,283,704
Social Security costs	94,272
Other pension costs	61,864
Total	1,439,840

All the above staff costs were incurred by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland and a proportion recharged to the Lottery Distribution Account. The average number of full-time equivalent persons employed by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland and deployed on Exchequer duties was 49.

Chief Executive's Remuneration

The Chief Executive's total remuneration including employer's costs in 1999-00 was £61,511. He is an ordinary member of the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee scheme. The Chief Executive was appointed in June 1994 for a contract period of five years. The contract was renewed in 1998 for the period up to 31 March 2004.

A total of 15% of the Chief Executive's costs have been apportioned to the Lottery Distribution Account to cover time spent on Lottery activities. For the year 1999-00 this amounted to £9,226. The balance has been charged to the Exchequer accounts.

Council Members Emoluments

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council received honorariums totalling £10,818 and £3,597 respectively in 1999-00. The cost of the Vice-Chairman's honorarium was apportioned to the Lottery Distribution Account. No emoluments were paid to other Council members in respect of Council activities. The Council does not pay any pension contributions on behalf of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

Pension Costs

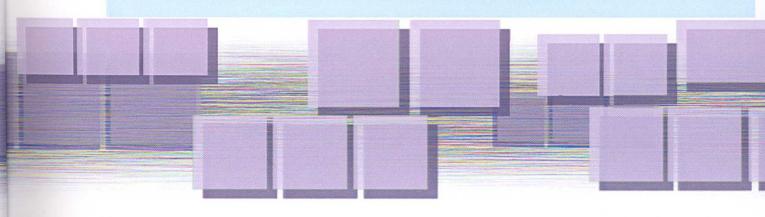
The Sports Council for Northern Ireland participates in the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee Scheme (the NILGOSC scheme). The NILGOSC scheme is a "multi-employer", defined benefit scheme, which provides members of participating employers with the benefits related to pay and services at rates which are defined under statutory regulations. To finance these benefits, assets are accumulated in the scheme and are held separately from the assets of the employers. The scheme is funded by employee and employer contributions at rates determined by an independent professionally qualified actuary on the basis of regular valuations using the projected unit method. The results of the most recent valuation, which was conducted at 31 March 1998, were as follows:

Main assumptions:

Rate of return on investments per annum	8.5 %
Rate of general increase in salaries per annum	6.0 %
Rate of pension increases per annum	4.5 %
Market value of scheme's assets (£000's)	£2,099,500

Level of funding being the actuarial value of assets expressed as a percentage of the benefits accrued to members, deferred pensioners and members based on past service, after allowing for future salary increases 126 %

The surplus is being amortised over the remaining service life of the current membership, a period of around 14 years.



Contributions for the year were as follows:

	2000
	£
Employers	39,686
Employees	49,768
Total	89,454

The real increase in the value of accrued pension at 31 March 2000 for senior employees is shown below. All those listed participate in the NILGOSC scheme. The salary figures shown below include a salary increase arising from the Sports Council's performance appraisal system. The total accrued pension figures were supplied by NILGOSC.

	Age	Salary	Real increase in pension at age 60	Total accrued pension at 31/3/2000
		£	£	£
Eamonn McCartan Chief Executive	47	53,673	796	3,801
James Clarke Director of Sports Development	44	40,179	550	4,520
Fergus Donnelly Director of Policy Planning, and Resource Development	47	39,699	575	7,110
Nick Harkness Lottery Director	37	32,899	804	6,460

7. PERFORMANCE AGAINST KEY FINANCIAL TARGETS

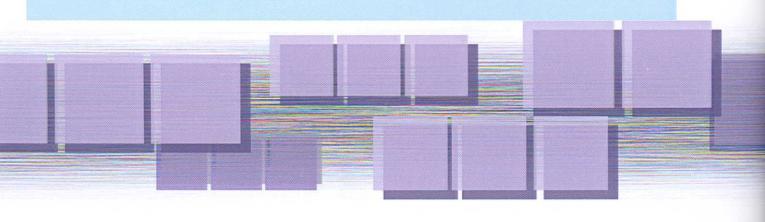
Direct Running Costs

On 12 October 1998 the Department agreed to the Council's baseline for Direct Running Costs at £117,000. The Council was to achieve 10% savings over a three year period. The estimated outturn for 1999/2000 was £109,980. The actual outturn was £80,427.

Carryover

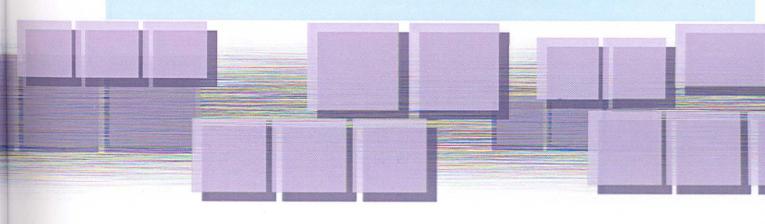
The Council's financial memorandum states that the Council may carry forward from one financial year into the next, any unexpended balance up to a limit of 2% of the total authorised Grant-in-Aid for the entire year.

		£
Grant-in-Aid		2,380,000
2%		47,600
Bank Control Account		(89,132)
Monies due from externally funded schemes		
Youth Sport Foyle	Phase 1	18,449
Youth Sport Foyle	Phase 2	17,650
Sport for All Leader Board		(12,707)
International Fund for Ireland		94,275
TOTAL		117,668
Carried Forward		28,536



8. OPERATING COSTS

	2000 £
Travel & Subsistence	144,000
Recruitment	33,158
Training	39,542
Publications, Printing & Stationery and IT Consumables	97,828
Telephones	109,674
Professional Fees	142,290
Repairs & Renewals	74,637
Quality Initiatives	2,279
Insurance	28,564
Rent & Rates	83,045
Heat & Light	24,209
Caretaking & Cleaning	21,908
Sundry Expenses	23,555
Office Overheads	84,025
Bad Debts Written Off	412
Committees, Receptions & Publicity	19,885
Promotions & Sponsorships	23,164
Photography	10,590
Information Services	4,592
Sports Development	196,199
Drug Testing	65
Coaches	17,417
Grant – Feasibility Study	2,250
Total Other Operating Costs	1,183,288
Sports Development Grants	455,931
Governing Bodies Grants	535,788
Total Grants	991,719
Total Costs	2,175,007



9. NOTIONAL COSTS

Notional cost of capital of £28,268.

The income and expenditure account bears a non-cash charge for interest relating to the use of capital by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland. The basis of the charge is 6% of the average capital employed by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland during the year, defined as total assets less total liabilities.

Notional costs also include Auditors remuneration of £18,829.

10. FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Specialist Sports Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Vehicles	Computer Equipment	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or Valuation						
At 1 April 1999	266,261	8,815	16,249	38,601	109,520	439,446
Additions	0	1,828	6,903	24,079	23,448	56,258
Disposals	0	0	0	(19,092)	0	(19,092)
Revaluation	4,671	0	0	0	0	4,671
At 31 March 2000	270,932	10,643	23,152	43,588	132,968	481,283
Depreciation						
At 1 April 1999	0	(3,526)	(6,943)	(7,500)	(74,327)	(92,296)
Provided during year	(10,837)	(2,129)	(4,630)	(8,750)	(27,494)	(53,840)
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2000	(10,837)	(5,655)	(11,573)	(16,250)	(101,821)	(146,136)
Net Book Value						
At 31 March 1999	266,261	5,289	9,306	31,101	35,192	347,150
At 31 March 2000	260,095	4,988	11,579	27,338	31,147	335,147

The net book value of land and buildings comprises:

 2000

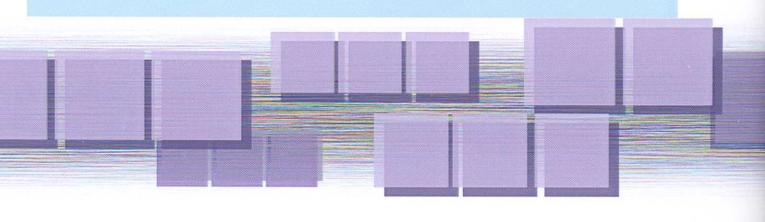
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 Freehold
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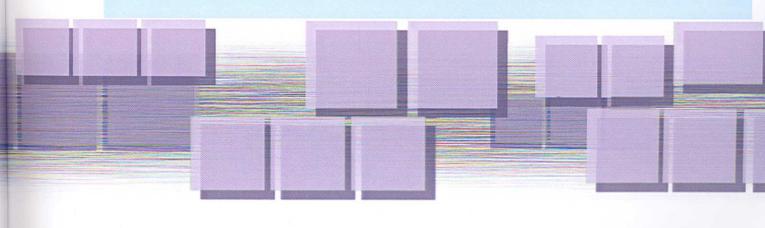
 Long leasehold
 260,095

Leases entered into in respect of the land at Tollymore Mountain Centre and Altnadue quarry have been expensed to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Disposals shown on this page differ from those shown on note 15 by £13,100. This figure represents the cash received for the disposal of the Drugs Bus. The cash was returned to DCAL.



	2000	199
	£	
Trade debtors	251,138	69,52
Grants Payable	872,509	784,38
Sub total	1,123,647	853,90
Prepayments	175,563	153,26
VAT	15,162	
Advances – Control Account	95	1,20
Sub Total	190,820	154,47
Total	1,314,467	1,008,37
12. Cash		
	2000	199
	£	
Petty Cash - Armagh	50	
Petty Cash – House of Sport	158	3
Petty Cash – Tollymore	100	10
	308	18
13. Creditors (amounts falling due within	one year)	
	2000	199
	£	
Bank overdraft	89,132	
Trade creditors	49,585	51,22
Other creditors including taxation		
and social security	8,018	4,09
Accruals	69,354	74,49
Deferred Income (TMC)	6,463	6,03
Deferred Income (DOE)	7,244	



14.1 Net cash outflow from operating activities

	2000
	£
Result for the year	77,198
Depreciation	53,840
Profit/(loss) on disposal of assets	0
Notional costs	47,097
Deferred grant income	(53,840)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(9,025)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(217,962)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	4,823
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(97,869)

14.2 Reconciliation of net cash inflow to movement in net debt

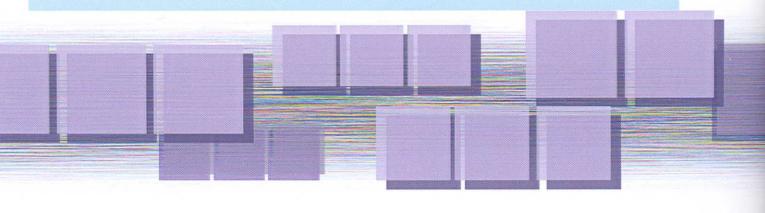
	£
Cash in bank & petty cash at 1 April 1999	9,851
Net cash outflow	(98,674)
Cash in bank & petty cash at 31 March 2000	(88,823)

2000

15. Deferred Income

Capital Allocations not yet released to income and expenditure account.

At 1 April 1999	(347,150)
Received in year	(49,460)
	(396,610)
Released to income and expenditure account	53,840
Disposal of Drug Bus	13,100
Balance C/fwd at 31 March 2000	(329,670)



16. Reconciliation of Movements in Reserves and General Fund

At 3	1 March 2000	193,375	4,671	198,046	67,398
	lus on revaluation of fixed s arising in year	0	4,671	4,671	0
	stment to grant release related to lued fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Mov	ements in Pension Commitments	1,682		1,682	0
Trans	sfer from I&E Account	124,295	0	124,295	0
At 1	April 1999	67,398	0	67,398	67,398
		£	£	£	£
		I&E Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	2000 Total	1999 Total

17. Provisions

Grant commitments at 31 March

	2000	1999
	£	£
Grants to Governing Bodies	168,964	171,207
Sports Development Grants	703,545	613,175
	872,509	784,382
Pension Commitments at 31 March		
	2000	1999
	£	£
Pension Commitments	53,151	54,833
	53,151	54,833

18. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2000 (1999: nil)



19. Related Party Transactions

The Sports Council is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure is regarded as a related party. During the year the Sports Council has had various transactions with the Department and with other entities for which the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure is regarded as the parent Department. None of the Council Members, key managerial staff or other related parties has undertaken any material transactions with the Sports Council for Northern Ireland during the year.

As a matter of policy and procedure, Council Members and staff maintain publicly available registers of interests and declare any direct interest in grant applications made to Sports Council for Northern Ireland and any commercial relationships of the Council.

Several members of the Sports Council, its Lottery Committee and members of key management staff are also involved in other sports organisations in Northern Ireland either directly or indirectly as a result of a family relationship, a close friendship or business relationship. These do not take part in discussions and decisions to make grant awards to those organisations with which they have a declared interest. A list of awards made to the organisations concerned and details of who made the declaration of interest is detailed below. All the transactions relating to the organisations were conducted at arms length by the Council.

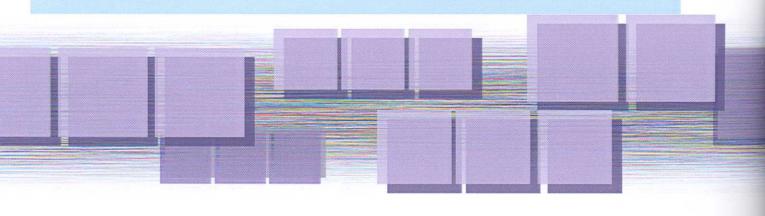
The following transactions are considered to be disclosable Related Party Transactions in respect of Council Members and Senior Staff.

Senior Staff

Grant	Organisation	Individual	Relationship
£22,500	Ulster Branch Irish Hockey Union	Robin Mitchell Head of Administration & Finance	Council Member of UBIHU
£1,000	Golfing Union of Ireland Ulster Branch	Robin Mitchell Head of Administration & Finance	Registered player
	Gus Donnelly	Director Policy Planning & Resource Development	Registered player
	Eamonn McCartan	Chief Executive	Registered player
£41,653	Mountaineering Council of Ireland	Nick Harkness Director Lottery	Affiliated Member

Council Members

Grant	Organisation	Individual	Relationship
£52,000	Football	David Bowen	Secretary IFA
£30,000	Gaelic Games	Jim McKeever	Registered Member
£28,000	Disability Action	Monica Wilson	Chief Executive Disability Action



20. Stock

	Luncheon Vouchers	Resource Packs	Junior Club Development	Board Game	Total Stock
	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Stock 1 April 1999	2,266	18,720	3,240	0	24,226
Receipts	6,006	0	0	12,500	18,506
Issues	7,946	720	240	575	9,481
Closing Stock	326	18,000	3,000	11,925	33,251

21. Losses During Year

Bad debts totalling £412 were written off during the year.

Orders charging land have been registered in the register of deeds on the property of one creditor that secures the debt of £397 due to the Sports Council. The Council is seeking the approval of the Department to write off this debt.

22. Sports Council for Northern Ireland - Accounts Direction

ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE ARTS AND LEISURE WITH THE APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1986

The annual accounts shall give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year, and the state of affairs as at the year end. Subject to this requirement the Sports Council for Northern Ireland shall prepare accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2000 and subsequent financial years in accordance with:

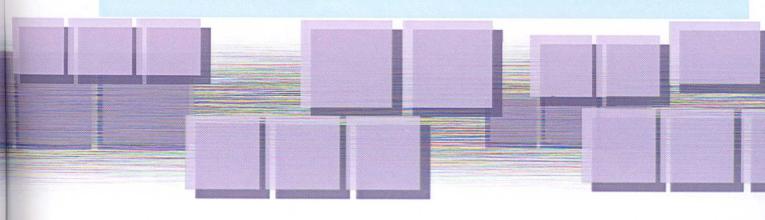
- a. Executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies Annual Reports and Accounts Guidance;
- b. other guidance which the Department of Finance and Personnel may issue form time to time in respect of accounts which are required to give a true and fair view;
- c. any other specific disclosures required by the Department;

Except where agreed otherwise with the Department of Finance and Personnel, in which case the exception shall be described in the notes to the accounts.

APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPANIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Companies (Northern Ireland) Order

- 1. The disclosure exemptions permitted by the Companies Act shall not apply to Sports Council for Northern Ireland unless specifically approved by DFP.
- 2. The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order requires certain information to be disclosed in the Directors' Report. To the extent that it is appropriate, the information relating to Sports Council for Northern Ireland shall be contained in the foreword.
- 3. When preparing its income and expenditure account, Sports Council for Northern Ireland shall have regard to the profit and loss account format [1 or 2] prescribed in Schedule 4 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order.



- 4. When preparing its balance sheet, Sports Council for Northern Ireland shall have regard to the balance sheet format 1 prescribed in Schedule 4 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) order. The balance sheet totals shall be struck at "Total assets less current liabilities".
- 5. Sports Council for Northern Ireland is not required to provide the additional information required by paragraph 33(3) of Schedule 4 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order.
- 6. The foreword and balance sheet shall be signed by the Accounting officer and dated.

Accounting Standards

- 7. Sports Council for Northern Ireland is not required to include a note showing historical cost profits and losses as described in FRS 3.
- 8. The Sports Council for Northern Ireland shall not adopt the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities unless specifically approved by DFP.

Schedule 2

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The foreword shall, inter alia:
- (a) state that the accounts have been prepared in a form directed by the department with the consent of DFP in accordance with Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;
- (b) include a brief history of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland and its statutory background.
- 2. The notes to the accounts shall include details of the key corporate financial targets set by the department together with the performance achieved.

