

## **SPORTS COMMISSION**

### **Progress Report of the Elite Sports Committee**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This paper reports on the work of the Elite Sports Committee (ESC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in November 2016.

#### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

2. At the meeting held on 2 March 2017, ESC Members discussed the following issues.

##### **Hong Kong Sports Institute Ltd. (HKSIL) 2017-18 Annual Plan and Budget**

3. Having considered the operational needs and financial requirements of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) in the coming financial year, ESC Members endorsed the 2017-18 Annual Plan and Budget of the HKSIL, and recommended its submission to the SC for further deliberation.

##### **Evaluation of Sports Results under Elite Vote Support System for the 2015 – 2016 Review Period**

4. Based on the existing Elite Vote Support System (EVSS), the HKSI has evaluated the sports results during the two-year period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016. ESC endorsed and **recommended** for SC's consideration that for the coming 4-year funding cycle (2017-18 to 2020-21) :

- (a) 11 current Tier A sports, i.e. Athletics, Badminton, Cycling, Fencing, Rowing, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Windsurfing and Wushu, should retain their current status, subject to the reassessment by the end of 2018;

- (b) Six Tier A sports, i.e. Billiard Sports, Gymnastics, Karatedo, Rugby (Sevens), Sailing and Tennis, should be given continued funding for an observation period of two years (2017-18 to 2018-19) as they have not met the criteria for remaining as a Tier A sport;
- (c) Two current Tier B sports, i.e. Triathlon and Skating, should become Tier A sports; and
- (d) Shuttlecock and Lifesaving should become Tier B sports.

### **Assessment of Tier A\* Sports (2017-2020)**

5. Four sports namely Badminton, Cycling, Table Tennis and Windsurfing were endorsed by SC in March 2014 as Tier A\* Sports for two Olympic Games (OG) cycles (2016 and 2020), subject to assessment after the completion of the 2016 OG. On the basis of results achieved by all existing Tier A sports in 2015 and 2016, HKSI assessed their eligibility for Tier A\* status and concluded that all the four existing Tier A\* sports meet the criteria of Tier A\* sports while no other Tier A OG sports reaches the same level, i.e. not eligible for upgrading to Tier A\* sport. ESC endorsed HKSI's recommendation that the four existing Tier A\* Sports should continue to receive Tier A\* support in the next OG cycle (2017 – 2020), and **recommended** it for SC's consideration.

### **Review of the Elite Vote Support System – Progress Report**

6. Following the ESC meeting on 8 November 2016, a Working Group (WG) headed by the ESC Chairman was formed to conduct a review of the EVSS. The WG members met for its first meeting on 16 December 2016, and agreed to conduct an opinion survey to collect views from “national sports associations” (NSAs) on the EVSS. With WG members' input, a questionnaire was designed and sent out to NSAs on 27 January 2017. As at the deadline of 24 February 2017, responses from 29 NSAs had been received. The second WG meeting was held on 2 March 2017 to consider the responses from NSAs and how the EVSS could be adjusted to help bringing our elite sports to a higher level. ESC Members were updated on the progress of the review at its meeting also held on 2 March 2017.

This is the version of the original paper which has been edited for length.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

7. Members are invited to note the progress reported above.

**Sports Commission Secretariat  
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