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Dear Sir

Letter of Comment – Committee for Education, Sport & Culture – P.2020/46
Active 8: A Plan for Sport 2021-2030

The Policy & Resources Committee fully supports the principle of having a Plan for Sport which includes clear objectives and a mechanism to measure the success of the Plan and the value delivered from the resources invested therein. Members acknowledge the contribution of sport to positive mental health and wellbeing for sections of the community which will be important elements in contributing to our recovery.

The Policy & Resources Committee notes that, despite the Guernsey Sports Commission having been operational for many years, it has not been able to establish baseline measures and key performance indicators, nor is it able to develop these by temporarily reprioritising use of its existing resources instead of funding of £130,000 being requested from the Budget Reserve.

It is unsustainable for the States to continue to incrementally direct increases in the size of the States' expenditure budget in order to fund new initiatives; the aggregate of which is substantial. It has to be recognised that funding for expanding or developing services is severely limited and its allocation should not be following approval of a proposal in isolation but considered alongside initiatives proposed by other Committees and the requirements for resourcing the recovery action plans.

In compiling the 2021 Budget proposals, the Policy & Resources Committee will have to carefully consider, within the context of the overall financial position, the amount of budget that it is possible to make available to fund new or expanded initiatives; increases in demand for existing services; and for the recovery action plans. In these circumstances, it may not be possible to fully fund all of the expenditure increases required for new or expanded initiatives which have been approved by the States.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndon Trott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lyndon" and the last name "Trott" clearly distinguishable.

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