



SUSSEX CRICKET BOARD



## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN SUSSEX CRICKET**

### **FINAL REPORT**

**(March 2009)**

Following the issue of the *Building Partnerships in Sussex Cricket* consultation document in July 2007, there has been much activity by the Building Partnerships Working Group, in close liaison with the Sussex County Cricket Club and the Sussex Cricket Board to implement the 10 recommendations made.

Action has been taken to implement all of these and others that have since been made. The various points of action are set out below.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 1**

**"The Sussex Cricket Board and the Sussex County Cricket Club to be integrated within a new *Cricket Sussex Board of Control* (Section 3.2)"**

The *Sussex Cricket Strategic Group* (previously titled *Board of Control*) met for the first time on 24 February 2009.

Its first task was to agree a *Strategy for Sussex Cricket*, which will be issued for consultation in April 2009.

Dave Brooks has been appointed Chief Executive of Sussex Cricket and has managerial control within both SCCC and SCB.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2**

**"The post of Cricket Development Manager to be re-designated as Director of Recreational Cricket (3.7)"**

Andy Hobbs has been appointed as Head of Recreational Cricket and an additional SCB Development Manager has been appointed.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 3**

**"The main role for the Sussex Cricket Board to be designated as the governing body for recreational and youth cricket throughout the County of Sussex (4.4)"**

This has been achieved through the implementation of a new Constitution for the Sussex Cricket Board.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 4**

**"The Constitution of the Sussex Cricket Board and the supporting organisational structure to be changed, in accordance with Appendix 6 and Appendix 7 respectively (4.5)"**

The new Constitution has led to the establishment of a new SCB Management Committee and full organisational support structure.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5**

**“Detailed reviews to be undertaken in a number of service areas to achieve improved sharing, integration and liaison (5.4)”**

Action has been taken by the SCB in a number of areas to provide better levels of support for clubs/organisations affiliated to the SCB. The SCB will continue to develop other areas of value and need. In addition, detailed reviews are being undertaken in a number of service areas to achieve savings/better purchasing deals for clubs/organisations affiliated to the SCB.

Dave Brooks, Andy Hobbs and Bob Warren (SCCC Board Director) are responsible for progressing this initiative.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 6**

**“A full review of the funding of cricket in Sussex to be undertaken (6.3)”**

An extensive review of the funding of cricket in Sussex has been carried out and the resultant report has been considered in detail by the SCB.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 7**

**“The SCCC and SCB to develop a joint business planning system and assured corporate governance arrangements (6.5)”**

The SCCC Business Plan (2009 - 2011) has been approved by the SCCC Board, with the equivalent process in place for the SCB being the Improvement Planning Process.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 8**

**“Consideration to be given to rationalising the financial years of SCCC and SCB (6.6)”**

The financial year end of the SCB has been changed from 31 December to 31 October, so as to coincide with that of the SCCC, which resulted in a 10 month period from 1 January 2008 to 31 October 2008.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 9**

**“All five leagues in Sussex to be held accountable to the (new) SCB, from 2008 (7.3)”**

This has been agreed formally by all five adult leagues.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 10**

**“A full review to be undertaken by the SCB of the preferred pattern for league cricket in the County, with a cascading style of automatic promotion and relegation (7.6)”**

The SCB, through its new Adult Leagues Sub Group, is in the process of developing a new structure for all league cricket in the County, with a cascading style of automatic promotion and relegation.

Its first success has been the merging of the Sussex Invitation Cricket League and the West Sussex Cricket League into a new West Sussex Invitation Cricket League, with effect from the 2009 season.

Discussions are now taking place regarding the future structure in Central/Mid Sussex.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TAKEN

### ACTION 11

A review of the organisation of Women's/Girls' cricket in the county has been undertaken, which has led to the establishment of a new Constitution of the Sussex Women's Cricket Association and an agreement that the Association shall act as a sub group of the SCB.

### ACTION 12

A review of the funding of Women's and Girls' cricket in the county is in hand, the responsibility of which rests with the SCB.

### ACTION 13

The gradual implementation of Club Clusters is the responsibility of the SCB, through its new Cricket Development Group.

### ACTION 14

Reviews of the website arrangements and other means of communications for Sussex Cricket have been undertaken.

The Cricket Development Team is currently developing a new SCB website, to be part of [sussex.cricket.co.uk](http://sussex.cricket.co.uk), which will incorporate all elements of recreational cricket in the County.

The Building Partnerships Group comprised the following:

David Bowden (Chairman)

John Barclay

Martin Bodenham,

Andy Hobbs

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Gus Mackay

Jim May

Tony Millard

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