



Community outreach and 'Futures' Report to London Area AGM 10 July 2023

1 Background and future aspirations

A number of London clubs and hockey charities are operating around 15 schemes which reach out to local schools and communities. These are of varied size, focus and longevity. Most of these can be described as 'community outreach' projects, and many have strong EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) themes.

London Area aspires to help support these, and encourage new schemes, ultimately establishing an ongoing programme of such projects across London, funded predominantly by external sources, including commercial partners.

2 Policy development, and other relevant organisations

Work is underway to define the scope of this topic, and the best structures for managing it for the long term, for London, and also as a model to be replicated nationally. There is a need to define how 'good causes' in the sport should be supported, their relative priorities, decision-making and more.

We are in discussions with England Hockey and the charity Hockey Futures as to the best way forward; limited discussions have also taken place with other Areas. We expect a new organisational approach will be established in the coming months, using 'Futures' as an umbrella term.

We expect that London Hockey will provide a lead volunteer and, if needed, a small amount of funding to a national effort every year to keep the topic from becoming dormant.

3 2023-2024 intentions

The London Area inherited funds from previous organisations, and we are intending to distribute some of these to support London projects over the next year.

This is likely to be a one-off exercise given the expected changes ahead.

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