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Dear Sirs

Liverpool City Council (Merseyside CSP) Funding 2011/15 - URN No. 2011001385

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2014 as set out in the evidence of claim form submitted to Sport England on 27th June 2014.

The expenditure reviewed consisted of the following elements:

Core Funding	£205,219
Coaching	£40,577.10
Sportivate	£283,001
Satellite Clubs Funds	£43,950
DfE Volunteering	£0
Club Link Makers	£37,494
Primary School Funding	£36,611

The review identified two errors made on the claim form submitted to Sport England. The actual spend for the Primary School Funding project was £22,150 rather than the £36,611 recorded on the claim form. The actual expenditure for Satellite Clubs Funding was £39,750 rather than the £43,950 recorded on the claim form. These errors should be reported to Sport England so any necessary adjustments to the funding can be made.

For the remaining expenditure reviewed it is our opinion that the expenditure fairly presents the costs incurred by Merseyside Sports Partnership and is in accordance with the funding conditions.

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L3 County Festival Funding - URN 2011016771

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the expenditure relating to the L3 County Festival funding for the year ended 31st March 2014 as set out in the shadow budget and supporting information.

The annual reconciliation form had not been submitted at the time of audit. The shadow budget and supporting information shows that expenditure of £47,177.04 has been spent in the year ending 31st March 2014.

In our opinion the expenditure fairly presents the costs incurred by Merseyside Sports Partnership and is in accordance with the funding conditions.

Non-Sport England Awards/Programmes

In accordance with your instructions we have reviewed expenditure incurred for the year ended 31st March 2014 for all non Sport England funded activity programmes run by Merseyside Sports Partnership, totalling £172,759.12

In our opinion the above expenditure fairly represents the costs incurred by Merseyside Sports Partnership.

Reserves

As per "Merseyside Sports Partnership Memorandum of Understanding & Co-operation between MSP and Host Authority 2012-2017", *Section 12.0 Continuity Funding*, the MSPB strives to have a minimum of 3 months funding in place for salary and on costs for the MSP Core Support team.

A review of reserves held at 31st March 2014 has found that the level maintained did not meet the requirement. It is noted that the drop in reserves was anticipated and it is planned that it will be increased again during 2014/15. The additional increase of commissioned projects will ensure that use of the reserves will not be required in 2014/15.

Yours faithfully



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