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Dear Jean

**Independent Reasonable Assurance Report in connection with Liverpool City Council  
(Merseyside CSP) Funding – URN No 2014003758**

This report is produced in accordance with the terms of our contract dated 1 July 2017 for the purpose of reporting to the Director of Merseyside Sports Partnership (the 'company') and Sport England (the 'grant provider') in connection with the grant claim for the monies receivable from Sport England (the 'grant provider') under its grant offer letters dated 19 January 2015, 9 October 2015 and 5 February 2016 (the 'offer letter') in respect of :-

- ✓ Core
- ✓ Coaching
- ✓ Club Link Makers (CLM)
- ✓ Satellite Clubs
- ✓ School Games
- ✓ Sportivate
- ✓ DfE Volunteer Leaders
- ✓ Primary School Support

**Respective responsibilities of the company**

As director of the company, you are responsible for ensuring that the company maintains accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the company, and in respect of grant claims, as the company's directors (the 'directors') you are responsible for compiling claims in accordance with grant offer letters, ensuring that only eligible items are included in each grant claim and for ensuring that all terms of such offer letters have been complied with or varied in writing with the provider. It is also the directors' responsibility to extract relevant financial information from the company's accounting records, to make the calculations specified in the grant offer letter, and to provide relevant financial information to the provider.

## Our approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with established framework. We performed a reasonable assurance engagement as defined in the framework.

For the purpose of the engagement we have been provided by the directors with a schedule (as defined under the offer letter) showing the company's eligible expenditure and the necessary calculations in accordance with the offer letter. The directors of the company remain solely responsible for the schedule.

The objective of a reasonable assurance engagement is to perform such procedures on a sample basis as to obtain information and explanations which we consider necessary in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a positive conclusion on the schedule.

## Inherent limitations

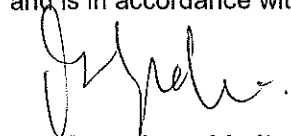
To the fullest extent permitted by law we do not and will not, by virtue of our reports/confirmations or otherwise, assume or accept any duty of care or liability under this engagement to Merseyside Sports Partnership or to Sport England or to any other party, whether in contract, negligence or otherwise in relation to Merseyside Sports Partnership's financial statements.

## Conclusion

The expenditure reviewed consisted of the following elements for the year ended 31 March 2017 as set out in the evidence of the claim form submitted to Sport England:-

Projects	£
Sportivate	269,037
Core	412,946
Coaching	40,000
CLM	78,550
Satellite Clubs	102,970
School Games	45,000
DfE Volunteer Leaders & Coach Funding	10,000
Primary School Support Capacity Funding	25,171
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In our opinion the expenditure fairly presents the costs incurred by Merseyside Sports Partnership and is in accordance with the funding conditions.



**Ip's Associates Limited**  
**Oscar Ip & Co. Chartered Accountant**  
20 July 2017