

Dear Network Chair

**NETWORK FUNDING FOR 2015-16**

I wanted to formally put in writing the decision that has been taken by England Athletics regarding our future investment into the Athletics Network programme.

As you are aware when we began this programme back in 2008/9 we anticipated that it would be a 4 year programme and networks would be eligible to access funding for up to 3 years each. Due to the ongoing success of the programme and the fortunate financial position we found ourselves in due to Sport England investment we extended the funding period. Some Networks have, therefore, been in receipt of funding for 6 years.

England Athletics has had to make some difficult decisions in order to achieve the significant financial savings required for the remaining 2 years of this current funding cycle.

Through ongoing discussions with senior staff members, regional and national councillors and board directors we have made the decision that from the 2015/16 financial year we will no longer be providing direct funding specifically for networks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to the Athletics Network programme over the years and wish you every success with your local network and club in the future. Your local delivery team is on hand to offer further support and advice should you wish to discuss any of this in more detail.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Jones



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