

## Year End Report for National Council

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020



The year 2019/20 is the third year of the 2017/21 Sport England Funding Cycle. Back office exchequer funding was reduced by £117,313 from the previous year. Core, Mass market and clubs received lottery funding of £1,414,061 a reduction of £164,565 in line with the four-year signing funding agreement. These reductions in Sport England Funding will continue for 2020/21. Funding continues to be ringfenced with clear outcomes and outputs required to maintain funding.

Table Tennis England on behalf of British Table Tennis also received an Aspirational fund grant from UK Sport to help the teams and athletes to realise our ambitions for Tokyo 2020.

We also once again received funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation for support of the Children and Young People Program which has such a positive impact in London and Essex.

It is vital that Table Tennis England continues to generate its own sustainable income and is able to attract other external funding. In particular it needs to make the core of the sport more sustainable and self-sufficient. As demonstrated by the annual financial reports we are operating on narrow margins posting a deficit for the year 2019/20 of £49,632.

We started off the year with a forecast deficit budget of c£61,000, which the organisation has worked hard to reduce by continuing to monitor operational costs and make savings wherever possible, however we did incur some one-off costs in legal fees and additional system development that we hadn't anticipated. The year-end accounts were approved by the Board at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In 19/20 we also saw a reduction in income and expenditure due to COVID-19, as some events and courses were postponed or cancelled in March. We continue to monitor the financial impact that this will have on the organisation in 20/21, with the biggest risk coming from a drop in membership renewals.

We will continue to monitor the financial impact that COVID-19 may have on the organisation in 20/21 on a regular basis, as well as adhering to government guidance and have tried to identify savings in expenditure in areas such as, travel expenses for staff, committee costs, delays in recruitment etc amongst other things. We have also seen a reduction in income due to events being cancelled including lost levies, but also due to not increasing affiliation fees for 20/21.

At the moment the biggest uncertainty is around what impact COVID-19 has on membership renewals. While we have tried to identify savings to be able to manage a reduction in membership numbers, with lots of different scenarios about what might happen, at this stage we don't know. It's important to note that if this reduction is greater than 30%, we would need to consider more drastic solutions.