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Peter Price, Leonard Jackson and Ged Roddy are appointed to the Board of Sport England

Richard Caborn, Minister for Sport and Tourism, announced today that Peter Price, Leonard Jackson, and Ged Roddy have been appointed to the Board of Sport England. Their terms of appointment will run from 1 December 2003 to 31 August 2004.

Biographical notes:

Peter Price was appointed Chair of the Yorkshire Regional Sports Board earlier this year. His involvement in Sport has included his chairing of the World Student Games Organising Committee, between 1987 and 1991, of the European Swimming Championship and of the Special Olympics UK Organising Committee from 1991 until 1993. Between 1993 and 1999, he chaired the World Masters Swimming Organising Committee, and then the World Masters Squash O.C. He is a Member of the Yorkshire Cultural Consortium, and of the Yorkshire Regional Assembly and has long been an advocate of using sport as a catalyst for urban regeneration. He has presented papers on this issue at conference in Europe, Canada and North America. Mr Price has served on Sheffield City Council since 1972

Len Jackson OBE was appointed Chair of the East Midlands Regional Sports Board earlier this year. He has pursued a 30-year career in the food industry and was Managing Director of a number of companies during the 1990s, including Pork Farms Bowyers, Granpian Country Pork and Amelca plc. Between 1997 and 1999, he was a Leadership Team Member for Business in the Community, Chairing their "Race for Opportunity" initiative and sitting on its National Board. Len also served as a Board Member of the East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA) between 1999 and 2001 and has recently been appointed, by the Home Office, a Commissioner with the new Independent Police Complaints Commission. He has been involved with fund raising for his local sports and social association. He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years

Ged Roddy was appointed Chair of the South West Regional Sports Board earlier this year. Currently, he is Director of Sport Development at the University of Bath. Since 1989 he has been involved in sports education, including holding the post of Assistant Director of Physical Education at Southampton between 1990 and 1992. In 1996, he launched the "Team Bath " multi sport training centre. He has been a fitness advisor to the England Rugby team and provided consultancy support to the Scottish RFU. He served on the committee of Quinquennial Review of Sport England. He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Note to Editors:

Sport England is a non departmental public body, established by Royal Charter, funded through Grant in Aid, and is a distributor of the Lottery Sports fund. It is responsible for providing the strategic lead for sport in England to deliver Government's sporting objectives to: i) increase participation in sport to improve the health of the Nation, with a focus on priority groups, ii) retain people in sport and active recreation through an effective network of clubs, sports facilities, coaches, volunteers and competitive opportunities, and iii) promote sporting success at the highest level.

Council members do not receive a salary but are entitled to a daily allowance.