

**May 2011**

## **Appointment of new member to the UK Sport Board**

The Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport has appointed Mark Hanson as a Member of the UK Sport Board. The appointment will be for a term from 14 June 2011 to 31 March 2013.

### **Biographical notes**

Mark Hanson is a Director of Hakluyt & Company, an organisation offering strategic advice to multinationals and investors. He is a Non-Executive Director of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain and is responsible for aspects of international and commercial strategy, reporting to the Chairman. He is a strategy consultant with Bain & Company. He was previously a Captain in the British Army and First Secretary in the British Foreign Office.

### **Background**

1. UK Sport was established by Royal Charter in 1996, and is accountable to Parliament through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for working in partnership to lead the UK to World Class success. UK Sport: supports sports and athletes to achieve Olympic and Paralympic success by developing the UK's high performance system; co-ordinates the bidding and staging of major sporting events at the UK level; and works to increase the UK's sporting activity and influence overseas. UK Sport receives approximately £115m exchequer and lottery funds per year. Options are currently being considered as to how UK Sport and Sport England can work more closely together from April 2013.
2. Remuneration is payable at the rate of £218 per day, for up to 24 days per annum.
3. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Mark Hanson has declared the following political activity in relation to the Conservative Party: Stood as a candidate in local council elections in May 2010; Made a recordable donation to the Conservative Party; Canvassed during General Elections since 2001; Acted as the 'Get Out the Vote' Director for the 2010 General Election Campaign of Nicole Blackwood in Oxford West and Abingdon; and Made a recordable donation.