

Deutsche Bank Support Community Rugby & Development scheme

Jersey, 9 November 2004: Deutsche Bank announced today that it has entered into an agreement with the Jersey Rugby Development Committee to provide sponsorship for the next three years in the sum of £15,000.

This sponsorship will support the Deutsche Bank Rugby Development Programme which has been established by Rugby Development Officer, Mark White.

Included in the initiatives that this sponsorship will provide for is

- the introduction of tag rugby into primary schools;
- coaching and refereeing courses for secondary school teachers to ensure continuous development and improved delivery of rugby coaching;
- holiday coaching schemes for children of all ages and abilities during the school holidays with qualified coaches at a number of locations around the Island; and
- A schools' summer mixed touch rugby league for pupils in years 9 - 11.

In addition to the above, Mr White is keen to establish a **Community Rugby** programme to aid in the development of mini, junior and youth rugby with qualified coaches in St Helier. In addition, there are plans to develop a website "jerseycommunityrugby.com" a central website for all clubs, schools and associations to contain information on fixtures, courses, coaching drills and practices, rules and regulations.

He said, "*Growing up in Cornwall I was lucky enough to be involved in the Cornwall Rugby Development Programme. This programme had a tremendous influence on my personal development and I feel very lucky to be able to deliver a similar programme here in Jersey. I am delighted that Deutsche Bank has agreed to support the Community Rugby Programme and my role as Rugby Development Officer for Jersey. Their support will enable new initiatives to be introduced and existing projects to be improved upon.*"

Cliff Chipperfield, of the Jersey Rugby Development Committee commented, *"We have long been aware that for many children based in town and the surrounding areas getting to training sessions can be difficult. By utilising the facilities at Springfield and Grainville we hope to remove such transport barriers and enable more children access to the game of rugby."*

"Jersey already has talented young rugby players attending county trials. However Deutsche Bank's support at a grass roots level together with Mark's expertise and the backing he receives from both Education, Sport and Culture and the RFU can only increase opportunities both on and off island for local children and augur well for the future of the sport."

Mark Wildman of Deutsche Bank's Offshore Group, said: *"We were made aware of the Development Committee's plans at the Jersey Rugby Association's fund raising lunch at which the Rugby World Cup was on display. Rugby is a sport that has many synergies with Deutsche Bank's own core values of teamwork, innovation, trust, focus and performance. We are delighted to support the work of Mark White, particularly in making the sport more accessible to a wider range of young people."*

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Notes to editors:

- 1 The Rugby Development Committee is made up of three individuals. Cliff Chipperfield is the Chairman and represents the Jersey Rugby Club, William Church represents the Jersey Rugby Association and Derek de la Haye represents Education, Sport and Culture. This Committee oversees, through the Rugby Development Officer, the development of the sport in the Island.
- 2 Mark White, Jersey's Rugby Development Officer, was born in Cornwall and started playing at the age of 8 for his local side Penryn, and made the first team at the age of 17. Whilst playing at Penryn he represented Cornwall at Under 16, Under 18, Colts, Under 21's and at Senior level. After completing a degree in Sport and Physical Recreation and a P.G.C.E. in Physical Education he moved to Hereford to take up his first teaching post. At that point he became involved in the coaching at Hereford Rugby Club and with the Herefordshire Schools teams. After two years teaching at Hereford he moved to Jersey to take up the role of Rugby Development Officer

- 3 Deutsche Bank is committed to supporting local community events, not only in a sporting context but also with regards to environmental and educational issues.
- 4 Other local activities supported by Deutsche Bank include the Jersey Netball Association Winter League, the Deutsche Bank Hockey Development scheme, the Gerard Le Claire Environmental Trust's Green Day, the Jersey Eisteddfod and the Jersey Instrumental Service.
- 5 Deutsche Bank's Offshore Group was established in the Channel Islands in 1972 and provides a world-wide offshore banking and financial services capability to financial institutions, corporations, family offices and wealthy private individuals on behalf of the Deutsche Bank Group.