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## FUNDING AND FINANCE

### 1.1 DCMS plans increase in society lottery jackpots

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has proposed changes to the way society lotteries are run. These lotteries are draws run by national and local charities, sporting and social clubs in order to raise funds. The DCMS proposals will see the maximum jackpot for individual society lottery draws increased from £200,000 to £400,000 and the maximum amount raised from each draw increased from £2m to £4m.

There are two types of society lottery - large and small. Large society lotteries are defined as those that raise more than £20,000 in a single draw or over £250,000 in a year. Small society lotteries, whose proceeds are below £250,000 and are not regulated by the Gambling Commission, will keep their current maximum £25,000 prize limit. There will be no increase to the annual maximum proceeds per society lottery of £10 million as no society lotteries currently reach that limit.

#### **Scope**

Great Britain

#### **What this means for sport and recreation**

Most sports clubs operating society lotteries will be classified as 'small' society lotteries, and will be unaffected by the changes. The increase in the large society lottery jackpots is designed to ensure that society lotteries retain custom from those with an affinity for the good cause supported by it.

#### **What next**

The Government is consulting on this proposal until 9 October 2008 and the consultation documents are available at:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/consultations/5288.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/5288.aspx)

### 1.2 Delivery of free swimming

Following the announcement of free swimming provision in the 2012 Legacy Action Plan, the Government has now set out how it intends to deliver on this promise. All local authorities in England which indicate by 15 September 2008 that they wish to offer free swimming to those over 60 will receive funding for this purpose, calculated according to the size of their over-60 population. These local authorities may also submit expressions of interest in offering free swimming to under-16s, and will be notified of funding for this purpose by 15 October.

Local authorities offering free swimming to both over-60s and under-16s may also bid for one-off capital grants to improve their swimming facilities. A total of £10 million is available for this purpose in 2008-2009. A further £25 million per annum will be available for capital improvements from 2009-2011, and will be distributed by Sport England.

#### **Scope**

England

## 2. REGULATION AFFECTING SPORT AND RECREATION

### 2.1 Music Licensing Fees – consultation on exemption

Copyright law currently requires any sports club which uses audio-visual equipment to purchase a licence from the Performing Right Society, which then pays royalties to music composers. However, sports clubs are exempt from the requirement to purchase a licence from Phonographic Performance Ltd, which pays royalties to music publishers. This is all set to change in the near future, with a current consultation proposing to either:

- Extend the PPL exemption to PRS for all clubs with a turnover of less than £20,000
- Rescind the PPL exemptions

#### Scope

UK

#### What this means for sport and recreation

The average cost of a PRS licence to clubs is £369. The consultation estimates the cost of a PPL licence at between £103 and £164. The addition of PPL fees would be yet another unwelcome financial burden on sports clubs.

#### What next

CCPR will respond to the consultation which is available at: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/press/press-release/press-release-2008/press-release-20080701.htm> . CCPR would urge its members to respond, and to encourage their own members to respond also. To receive a copy of CCPR's draft consultation response please email [ahanson@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:ahanson@ccpr.org.uk).

### 2.2 Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee inquiry into liquor licensing

The CMS Select Committee has announced a new inquiry into the effects of the Licensing Act 2003 and is seeking views on:

- Whether there has been any change in levels of public nuisance, numbers of night-time offences or perceptions of public safety since the Act came into force;
- The impact of the Act on the performance of live music;
- The financial impact of the Act on sporting and social clubs;
- Whether the Act has led, or looks likely to lead to a reduction in bureaucracy for those applying for licences under the new regime and for those administering it;
- Whether the anticipated financial savings for relevant industries will be realised.

#### Scope

England and Wales

#### What this means for sport and recreation

CCPR has consistently argued that sports clubs are charged unduly high fees under the Act which does not take into account their voluntary, not-for-profit nature and limited opening hours. This inquiry provides an opportunity for CCPR and its members to call again for a fairer fees regime.

## **What next**

Written submissions should be sent to Rowena Macdonald, Committee Secretary, at [cmscom@parliament.uk](mailto:cmscom@parliament.uk) by Tuesday 30 September 2008.

## **2.3 DCMS proposes to simplify minor variations to club premises certificates**

Currently, sports clubs which hold a Club Premises Certificate allowing the sale of alcohol are required to undergo a lengthy variation process should they wish to alter any part of their premises which are attached to the licensed area. DCMS is proposing a simplified process for variations which will not alter the club's licensable hours or otherwise impact on licensed activity.

### **Scope**

England and Wales

### **What this means for sport and recreation**

CCPR believes the proposal will benefit sports clubs as it will reduce the administrative burden and cost on clubs that wish to make small changes to their facilities.

### **What Next**

CCPR will respond to the consultation and would welcome members views, which should be sent to [ahanson@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:ahanson@ccpr.org.uk). The consultation documents are available at: [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/consultations/5349.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/5349.aspx) and responses should be sent to [licensingconsultation@culture.gov.uk](mailto:licensingconsultation@culture.gov.uk) by 1 September 2008.

## **2.4 Points-based system for managed migration and Tier 2 code of conduct**

Tiers 2 and 5 of the points-based system for managed migration for permanent and temporary residency respectively are due to go live at the end of November and sports organisations may now apply to be sponsors. The sports visitors visa is also due to come into affect and this will allow those participating in events to enter the UK for up to six months on the £65 visa.

Those entering under Tier 2 will need Governing Body Endorsement (GBE) which will be highlighted through the Tier 2 Code of Conduct. The GBE is set by the governing body and allows sports to regulate the quality of overseas players entering the UK. CCPR and sports organisations have urged the Border Agency to ensure that these standards are in place for short term Tier 5 entrants too.

### **Scope**

UK

### **What next**

CCPR will continue to liaise with the Home Office, Border Agency, DCMS and sports to ensure that the codes of conduct reflect the needs of sport and give sports the autonomy to determine the quality of overseas players plying their trade in the UK.

## 3. COUNTRYSIDE AND WATER

### 3.1 Discovering Lost Ways (DLW) – repeal of 2026 deadline

Following Natural England's (NE) decision to end the original DLW project, there is some concern that, without NE's lead, there will be little imperative to discover lost ways. Therefore, there is a growing consensus amongst stakeholders that the current 2026 deadline, after which no further ways may be discovered, should be repealed. The Ramblers' Association have launched this petition to mobilise support for this proposal.

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/repeal2026/>

Natural England's statement on the closure of the DLW project may be viewed here: <http://www.countryside.gov.uk/LAR/Access/DLW/>

Following the review and closure of the Discovering Lost Ways Project, the Government accepted the approach proposed by Natural England to refocus efforts on bringing stakeholders together to find solutions to the challenges of recording unrecorded rights on the Definitive Map.

An independently chaired Stakeholder Working Group has been set up, to bring together representatives of the key relevant interests nationally. Tim Stevens, Chair of CCPR's Outdoor Pursuits Division, sits on this group.

#### **What this means for sport and recreation**

The rights of way network is the backbone to the activity of the outdoor enthusiast. As the current legislation stands, if existing "lost" rights of way are not added to the Definitive Map before 2026, they will be lost forever and therefore CCPR believes that if the legislation as it stands is to be enforced it would detrimentally affect outdoor pursuits.

#### **Scope**

England

#### **What next**

The petition closes on 1 July 2009 and CCPR members are encouraged to consider signing it.

### 3.2 Conclusions of Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill

Among other things, the Draft Marine Bill contains Natural England's proposal to create a coastal access corridor along the English coastline. The joint committee to scrutinise the Draft Bill has recently published its conclusions. They can be viewed here: [http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/jcdmb.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/jcdmb.cfm)

With regards to coastal access provision, the committee concluded that "the aim of the coastal path is a laudable one and we are glad to see the Government committed to improving access to the coast. We have expressed reservations however about the lack of an independent appeal procedure against decisions regarding route designation and accuracy of the predicted cost of the route."

## **Scope**

England

## **What next**

CCPR will continue to positively lobby for members as the Bill progresses.

## **4. COMMUNITIES**

### **4.1 Government launches 'Communities in Control' White Paper**

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a White Paper on community engagement. The primary purpose of publication is to outline proposals to engage more people in running their local community – from contacting the council through to standing for election. Whilst the paper also addresses volunteering and the management of community assets, it pays little attention to the role of sport in these. To view the document visit:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/communityempowerment/communitiesincontrol/>.

#### **What this means for sport and recreation**

Many sports clubs are dependent on local authorities for the hire of facilities, or permission to improve their own facilities. Any proposals which make it easier for clubs to contact their council as necessary are welcome.

#### **What next**

CCPR will offer views on the white paper to the Government, and particularly highlight the role of sport and recreation in community life.

## **5. RESEARCH**

### **5.1 The Great Monitoring and Evaluation Debate**

Substance, the social research company specialising in research on the social impact of sport, is holding a series of free regional events to examine the issue of monitoring and evaluation in sport. The seminars bring together funders, deliverers and experts and will debate a range of topics, including:

- What information should funders really be looking for?
- How do we move beyond number crunching?
- Should we do monitoring and evaluation for ourselves or for others?
- How can we enable monitoring and evaluation to become a worthwhile part of our everyday work?
- How do we join up our different monitoring requirements and find common solutions?
- What role can information technology play in finding the solutions?

For more information on the events and how to book, please click here: <http://www.substance.coop/views>

## **5.2 Taking Part: The National Survey of Culture, Leisure and Sport**

The latest results from Year 3 of the Taking Part survey have been published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The survey measures the Government's progress against Public Service Agreement 3 - to increase the take-up of cultural and sporting opportunities by adults and young people aged 16 and above from each of the priority groups. The priority groups are defined as those from black and minority ethnic groups, those with a limiting disability, those people in lower socio-economic groups and, in the case of sport, women are also defined as a priority group.

To view the results, please click here:

[http://www.sportengland.org/psa3\\_report\\_first\\_6\\_months\\_year\\_3\\_final.doc](http://www.sportengland.org/psa3_report_first_6_months_year_3_final.doc)

## **5.3 Well@Work: Promoting Active and Healthy Workplaces**

The national evaluation of the Well@Work initiative has now been published. The programme was a national workplace health initiative, comprising nine regional projects, encompassing 32 workplaces. The aim of the pilot was to assess the effectiveness of workplace initiatives in promoting the health and wellbeing of employees.

To read the evaluation report, please click here:

[http://www.sportengland.org/ww\\_report\\_final\\_report\\_10-jun-08\\_secured.pdf](http://www.sportengland.org/ww_report_final_report_10-jun-08_secured.pdf)

## **6. ONGOING CONSULTATIONS**

### **6.1 Sport England consultation on lottery funding**

As reported in June's Policy update, Sport England is currently consulting on how to make it easier for community sport projects to access its £45 million share of sports lottery funding.

The consultation proposes that Sport England will award regular, sustainable funding to increase the quality of and level of participation in community sport, and establish a fund for one-off small grants to improve coaching and facilities. An innovation fund, to identify and promote best practice, has also been proposed.

CCPR will be responding to the consultation, the documents for which are available online at [www.sportengland.org/consultation](http://www.sportengland.org/consultation), and hard copies may be requested from the consultation help line on 0845 850 8508 or by emailing [consultation@sportengland.org](mailto:consultation@sportengland.org).

How you can help: Dominic Goggins, who is compiling CCPR's response, would like to hear any opinions – from grassroots club to governing body – on how the lottery funding application process could be simplified and improved. He can be contacted at [dgoggins@ccpr.org](mailto:dgoggins@ccpr.org) or on 0207 976 3903. The consultation deadline is 16 September, so views should be submitted to him by Monday 8 September.

## **7. COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS**

### **7.1 Eco-towns consultation**

### **7.2 Fair Play – Department for Children, Schools and Families consultation**

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