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## 1. POLITICAL & AGENCY ROUND UP

### 1.1 CCPR chairman meets immigration minister

Earlier editions of the policy update have voiced CCPR's concerns that the emerging Points Based system for migration may not meet the needs of sport. CCPR Chairman Brigid Simmonds recently had the opportunity to press immigration minister Liam Byrne on this issue, and received assurance that the minister would consider the role of national governing bodies in balancing the need to bring foreign talent to Britain whilst still enabling British players to flourish. He added that we would ensure that the system does not add unnecessary bureaucracy for tournament organisers.

**Scope:** UK

**CCPR objective:** to ensure that the points based system takes into account the unique nature of sport, and particularly the fact that the skills of professional sports people are not measured by qualifications.

### 1.2 Sport England consults on future plans

Sport England is seeking views on how it can best support community sport and increase participation. The survey intersperses crucial questions about which sports and activities Sport England should support, how it should direct future investment and the role of National Governing Bodies with more off-the-wall suggestions such as a national fitness test. The survey can be accessed at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wAH5E7eb0vNj4BtUjFpuXA==>

**Scope:** England

**Next steps:** CCPR will respond to the survey and recommends that its members followsuit.

### 1.3 LOCOG outlines plans for cultural Olympiad

LOCOG briefed the arts and culture community on its plans for a cultural Olympiad at the Royal Festival Hall on 21 June. The cultural Olympiad will commence in August '08 following the close of the Beijing Games. Over the four years to London 2012 the key themes will be to:

- Celebrate London and the UK welcoming the world
- Inspire and involve young people
- Generate a positive legacy

These themes would be delivered through the Mandatory Ceremonies (opening, medals and closing), a series of major projects included within the bid and a UK Cultural Festival.

**Scope:** UK

**Next steps:** CCPR will continue to work with LOCOG to seek opportunities for members, perhaps particularly those within Movement and Dance and Interested Organisations to be involved in the cultural olympiad.

## 1.4 2012 Community logo

Bill Morris, Director of Ceremonies, Culture and Education at LOCOG also outlined plans to provide a Games logo for community use. Whilst the logo itself was still under development, it would be aligned to the recently launched brand, although it would not incorporate the rings. It would be used under licence from LOCOG, and would be available for non-profit making sport, environmental and cultural projects which supported the Games' values. It would not however be available to commercial organisations not associated with the Games.

**Next steps:** CCPR will inform members as and when further information is available.

## 2. REGULATION AFFECTING SPORT AND RECREATION

### 2.1 Gambling – what sport needs to know

The Gambling Act 2005 will be fully implemented by September 2007 and all licensed gambling will from this point be regulated by the Gambling commission. Over the last two years the Commission has been refining a range of regulations and codes of practice for gambling operators. A full explanation of the new arrangements is available at: [http://www.culture.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/Gambling\\_racing/](http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/Gambling_racing/). Whilst much of the legislation relates to casinos and betting shops, the following aspects are relevant to CCPR members:

Sports stadia which provide betting opportunities on site will need to be aware of the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP June 2007), which can be downloaded from the Commission's website at: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/UploadDocs/Contents/Documents/LCCP%20June%202007.pdf>

Sports clubs with fruit machines meanwhile will need to adhere to the Gaming Machine Permits Code of Practice:

<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/UploadDocs/Contents/Documents/Sector%20brief%20Gaming%20Machines.pdf>

Finally governing bodies of sports on which bets are regularly placed will be pleased to read the Commission's response to its consultation on 'Integrity in Sports Betting – Information Sharing', which will make it a condition of licensing that betting operators share appropriate information with national governing bodies.

### 2.2 Single Equality Bill

Equality legislation in England has evolved over the last 40 years and is now enshrined in a wide range of acts. The Government now wishes to consolidate this law within one single Equality Bill, which will cover both employment and the provision of services. This latter issue is important to sport, given the long-established practices of single-sex and age-group competition. There is also a specific section with regard to private clubs and associations.

The deadline for responding is 4 September 07, and the 190 page consultation document is available at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1511211>.

**Scope:** Great Britain

**CCPR objective:** To ensure that equality law recognises the unique nature of sporting competition, in particular with regard to health and safety, and to support CCPR members to develop their sports equitably.

**Next steps:** CCPR will respond to the consultation and would welcome members input. Please send your views to Andrew Hanson ([ahanson@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:ahanson@ccpr.org.uk)).

## 2.3 Government consultations review

The Cabinet Office is currently reviewing the Government's consultation policy, which is aimed, in part, at organisations like CCPR who respond to numerous consultations every year. CCPR will be responding to the consultation and would welcome members' comments on how effective they believe the consultation process and what changes they would like to see made to the system. Please send your comments to Ben Andersen-Tuffnell ([bat@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:bat@ccpr.org.uk)) by 31 August 2007.

Further information is available at: [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/regulation/consultation/policy\\_review/index.asp](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/regulation/consultation/policy_review/index.asp).

## 3. COUNTRYSIDE AND WATER

### 3.1 Coastal access for England – DEFRA launches consultation

The Environment Secretary David Miliband has set out plans to open up the whole of England's coastline to the public for the first time, saying: "We are an island nation. The coast is our birthright and everyone should be able to enjoy it. I want families to have safe and secure access to walk, climb, rock scramble, paddle and play all along our coastline."

The consultation seeks views on four options, of which the last is Natural England's favoured approach:

- Use existing rights of way legislation to create a footpath all round the coast.
- Extend open access using the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to give access to types of land which are considered coastal - e.g. beach, dunes, cliffs, etc.
- Voluntary agreements with landowners using existing mechanisms such as those for agri-environment schemes.
- New legislation to allow Natural England to designate a coastal corridor providing a continuous route along which people can enjoy access to the coast.

The consultation documents can be accessed at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/index.htm> and the deadline for responses to the public consultation is 11 September 2007.

**CCPR objective:** To secure coastal access for all forms of non-motorised recreation, whilst taking into account legitimate conservation and land-owner concerns.

**Next steps:** CCPR will be responding to the survey and would encourage relevant members to do so also. Please send your views to Duncan Carter (dcarter@ccpr.org.uk).

## 3.2 Land Reform Act (Scotland) – court ruling raises questions

Since its inception the Land Reform Act (Scotland) has been the envy of outdoor enthusiasts elsewhere in the UK, allowing as it does wide access to land and water according to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. However, a recent court ruling allowing a land-owner to restrict access to her property has raised questions as to the application of the law. CCPR will watch developments with interest and inform members accordingly.

## 4. FISCAL & FINANCE

### 4.1 Alcohol sponsorship under threat

New rules agreed by the drink industry and the Government admitting there is no evidence to link this form of marketing with under-age drinking. The new restriction will apply to sponsorship contracts signed after 1 January 2008 by members of the Portman Group. Nine county cricket clubs, two Premiership football teams, three Scottish Premier League clubs and a number of rugby clubs are currently sponsored by drinks companies.

Further information is available at: <http://www.portman-group.org.uk/?pid=26&level=2&nid=291>.

### 4.2 Community amateur sports clubs

As a result of massive levels of interest, primarily from NGBs, DCMS has now distributed nearly all of its 20,000 CASC leaflets. It is expected that an extra 15,000 leaflets will now be produced, so if you have yet to distribute these leaflets to your club network - perhaps at your events or in a mail-out - please contact Christine Barnes at DCMS (Christine.Barnes@Culture.gsi.gov.uk) to arrange a delivery.

It is estimated that only 10% of the 4,306 CASCs are taking advantage of Gift Aid. However, according to HM Revenue and Customs, those that do have saved over £2.6m – demonstrating that Gift Aid can really add value to a CASC's fund raising activities. CCPR is keen to ensure that existing CASCs are taking full advantage of the benefits available to them and so has developed new guidance illustrating how CASCs can maximise the potential of Gift Aid. To access the guidance, please visit <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/giftaid/maximisinggiftaid> and click the link at the bottom of the page. The Government is also consulting on means to increase uptake of Gift Aid. To view the consultation document visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) select 'policy' from the left hand menu, then click on 'live consultations'. Please also send your thoughts to Ben Andersen-Tuffnell (bat@ccpr.org.uk).

As noted in last month's update, CCPR is currently developing a CASC campaign document highlighting the benefits of the scheme and calling on the Government to expand the current fiscal advantages available to CASCs to provide extra support for children's sporting activities. Over 45 sporting governing bodies have already pledged their support to the document. To ensure your sport is included, please send your logo to Ben Andersen-Tuffnell (bat@ccpr.org.uk).

## 4.3 National minimum wage and volunteers

In January 2007, the Government announced that it would review the provisions in the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 that relate to voluntary workers. Section 44 of the 1998 Act defines a voluntary worker as someone who works for a certain type of organisation (e.g. charities, voluntary organisations, and statutory bodies) and who receives no monetary payment or benefit in kind, other than reimbursement for expenses incurred, subsistence and/or accommodation as is reasonable in the circumstances of the employment, and any training necessary to carry out the work. Voluntary workers are excluded from qualifying for the national minimum wage by section 44 of the 1998 Act.

The consultation closes on 4 September 2007 and the documents are available at: <http://www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/page39871.html>.

### **Scope:** UK

**CCPR objective:** To ensure that the National Minimum Wage Act meets the needs of sport, and to enable sports organisations to comply as appropriate.

**Next steps:** CCPR will respond to the consultation and would encourage members to do so also. Please send your views to Ben Andersen-Tuffnell (bat@ccpr.org.uk).

## 4.4 Charity Commission reviews complaints procedures

The Charity Commission has launched a consultation on proposals for reviewing its legal decisions and handling service complaints and feedback. The deadline is 3 September 2007.

Further information is available at: <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/enhancingcharities/feedbackcons.asp>.

## 5. HEALTH

### 5.1 Smoking ban – are your clubs and stadia ready?

The long awaited smoking ban comes into force across England on 1 July 2007. The ban will affect virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England. Many sports stadia are already smokefree. However, when the legislation comes into force, only parts of stadiums that are enclosed or substantially enclosed will be required to be smokefree.

For more information about an organisation's responsibilities, visit: <http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/what-do-i-do/business.html>.

**Scope:** England

## 6. RESEARCH ROUND-UP

### 6.1 Sport and Britishness

Opinion Leader Forum has published new research into the links between sport and Britishness. The report, sponsored by Camelot, finds that sport can play a central role in shaping people's sense of Britishness. At the elite level, sporting personalities are a strong source of national pride, and international sporting occasions can generate an increased sense of British identity. At the local and community level, grass roots sports can facilitate contact between different social groups and lead to greater understanding and acceptance. Organising sport at the local level is the single largest area of voluntary activity in Britain.

For more information, click here: <http://www.opinionleader.co.uk/news.php?view=summary&newsID=25>.

### 6.2 Interventions to promote walking

A systematic review of interventions to promote walking was published in the British Medical Journal this month. David Ogilvie and colleagues rigorously reviewed a wide range of studies and found that the most successful interventions could increase walking amongst targeted populations by up to 30-60 minutes on average per week, at least in the short term. They found that interventions to promote walking could contribute substantially towards increasing the activity levels of the most sedentary.

To read the full article, click here: <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/334/7605/1204?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=ogilvie+and+walking&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resourcetype=HWCIT>.

## 6.3 Sport improves academic achievement

Ongoing research being carried out at the Manchester Institute of Sport and Physical Activity, part of Manchester Metropolitan University, has found that pupils who take regular exercise are up to eight times more likely to achieve good GCSE results than their less sporty peers. Academics have followed the progress of more than 3,500 pupils at Wright Robinson Sports College in Manchester. Of the most active girls, defined as those who attended at least three extra-curricular sports clubs a week, 43 per cent achieved an A\* to C grade in GCSE maths. Of the least active, who did not attend any sports clubs, only 5 per cent achieved those grades. For boys, the same comparison resulted in 33 per cent achieving an A\* to C in maths compared to 5 per cent.

For more information, click here: <http://www.mmu.ac.uk/academic/mispa/wright.php>.

## 7. ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

### 7.1 Unclaimed Assets

The Government's plans to invest the contents of unused bank accounts in community facilities are open for consultation until 13 July. Please send comments to [bat@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:bat@ccpr.org.uk).

The consultation document can be accessed online at: [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consultations\\_and\\_legislation/unclaimed\\_assets/consult\\_unclaimedassets\\_distribution.cfm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consultations_and_legislation/unclaimed_assets/consult_unclaimedassets_distribution.cfm).

## 8. COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS

CCPR has responded to the consultations below, and will take further action on these issues as the opportunity arises. To view CCPR's responses visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) and click on 'Policy' on the left hand menu.

### 8.1 Community Assets Fund

CCPR's response to this consultation highlighted for this limited funding to be made as widely available as possible, rather than invested in flagship projects.

### 8.2 Charity Commission Consultation on Public Benefit

CCPR's response emphasised the need for the Charity Commission to recognise the fact that 'private benefit' is a key outcome of providing sporting opportunities, and the relevance of membership systems within sport.

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