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## 1. SPORT AND POLITICS

### 1.1 Parliamentary Contact

The Easter recess has been followed by a busy Parliamentary period, and CCPR has provided briefings to Parliamentarians on a number of issues including the National Lottery Bill and Violent Crime Reduction Bill.

### 1.2 Private Security Industry Act 2001

At the Committee Stage of the Violent Crime Reduction Bill in the House of Lords CCPR supported an amendment tabled by Lord Pendry which, if accepted, would have excluded those venues covered by the Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 from the PSIA 2001. However, the debate did not reach this amendment due to extensive debate on earlier clauses. The Bill will be further debated in Committee on 17 May 2006.

As noted in the April Update, the Home Office has published a Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (PRIA) to consider the options available for applying the Act to security staff at sports and other events. The document sets out the Government's views on the options, and seeks comments on issues related to implementation.

**Scope:** England and Wales

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will campaign to secure a workable solution for sport.

**Next Steps:** CCPR urges members to access the PRIA which can be viewed online at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/ria-security-sports?view=Binary>. Should you have any questions or queries please contact Ben Andersen-Tuffnell: [bat@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:bat@ccpr.org.uk).

**How can you help:** CCPR urges members to respond to the consultation. The deadline is **16 June 2006**.

### 1.3 Ticket touting

On 26 April CCPR attended a ticket-touting summit, chaired by Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. At the summit Tessa Jowell called on ticket agencies and sports, music and theatre bodies to squeeze ticket touts out of business and stop genuine fans being frozen out of the market. The Secretary of State asked all those present, including Ticketmaster and Ebay, to sign up to a set of principles in an attempt to stamp out touting. A copy of the set of principles can be found at <http://www.culture.gov.uk>.

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will continue to work with its members to campaign for parity for other sports/events.

**Next Steps:** The principles will be tested by primary and secondary ticket agents over the next three months. The summit will reconvene in July where a final code of conduct will be drawn up.

## 2. COUNTRYSIDE AND WATER

### 2.1 Commons Bill

The Commons Bill had its second reading in the House of Commons on the 19 April and the debate is available at: [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/cm060418/debtext/60418-12.htm#60418-12\\_head1](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/cm060418/debtext/60418-12.htm#60418-12_head1)

CCPR worked with the Open Spaces Society to brief interested MPs, recommending that the Commons Bill should enable local authorities to assume ownership of unclaimed common land and that commons should be protected from unlawful works, as this would benefit agricultural, biodiversity and conservation interests whilst also providing opportunities for sport and recreation.

**Scope:** England and Wales

**CCPR Objective:** To ensure that the Commons Bill is beneficial to access and recreation interests, as well as agriculture, biodiversity and conservation interests.

**Next Steps:** CCPR will continue to monitor the Bill as it progresses through Parliament, brief relevant MPs for the Committee Stage of the Bill and inform members accordingly.

### 2.2 Draft Marine Bill

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has recently published a consultation on the proposals for the Marine Bill. The consultation document outlines the UK Government's commitment to bring forward a Marine Bill that will introduce (within its area of responsibility) a new framework for the seas, based on marine spatial planning, that balances conservation, energy and resources needs. The UK Government is developing policy for the Bill in five significant areas:

1. Managing marine fisheries
2. Planning in the marine area
3. Licensing marine activities
4. Improving marine nature conservation
5. The potential for a new marine management organisation

CCPR has registered as an interested stakeholder so we can receive up to date information on the Draft Marine Bill and attend stakeholder events.

A copy of the consultation document is available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill/consult.pdf>

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will work to ensure that the needs of sport and recreation are considered within the draft Bill and that any future implementation of the Bill will not negatively impact on sport and recreation activities that take place on the waterways and coastal areas.

**Next Steps:** The next Water Recreation Division meeting will discuss the consultation in more detail to inform CCPR's response. The deadline for responding to the consultation is 23 June 2006. Should you have any queries please contact Charlotte Edward [cedward@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:cedward@ccpr.org.uk)

**How you can help:** CCPR urges members to feed into CCPR's response to the consultation.

## 3. FISCAL

### 3.1 Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)

There are now 3,708 clubs registered as CASCs with an estimated total cash benefit of at least £12 million in rate relief, Corporation Tax savings and Gift Aid repayments. With 66 different sports taking advantage of the CASC scheme, cricket, bowls, lawn tennis and rugby union have the highest number of CASC registered clubs, with a total of 1975 (45% of the total registrations). Football, golf, mixed sports, sailing, shooting and rowing make up the rest of the top ten represented sports with a total of 1186 clubs.

CCPR continues to operate a helpline for clubs and works with DCMS, HMRC, Deloitte, Sport England and Bates, Wells and Braithwaite to administer the CASC scheme. Information on the CASCs scheme is available on the CCPR website [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk), or by contacting Ben Andersen-Tuffnell: [bat@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:bat@ccpr.org.uk).

**Scope:** UK

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will campaign for additional benefits to be added to the CASC scheme.

**How can you help:** Publicise the success and benefits of the scheme within your organisation and to clubs.

### 3.2 Licensing Act 2003

Since the introduction of the Act, CCPR has consistently argued for lower licensing fees for sports clubs, enabling clubs to invest more in their sport. The Better Regulation Commission has published a critical review of the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003. The Commission makes several recommendations that would ease the burdens on existing licensees and future applicants, including proposing to remove the mandatory provision for newspaper advertisements and highlighting the 'strong case' for an exemption or de minimus fee level for voluntary bodies such as clubs and village halls, who have experienced an especially high increase in their fees. The review can be accessed here: [http://www.brc.gov.uk/downloads/pdf/implementation\\_licencing\\_act.pdf](http://www.brc.gov.uk/downloads/pdf/implementation_licencing_act.pdf)

**Scope:** England and Wales

**CCPR Objective:** To achieve a fairer licensing fees regime for sports clubs.

**How can you help:** Please continue to publicise the CCPR's Licensing Act Survey amongst your clubs, as the more evidence of the cost to sport that we have, the more likely we are to win this campaign.

## 3.3 National Lottery Bill

The National Lottery Bill underwent Report Stage in the House of Lords on 24 April, with fierce debate over the extent to which the Government should be empowered to direct lottery spending. Ultimately an amendment removing the Government's power to 'prescribe' Big Lottery Fund spending was passed.

Meanwhile a further amendment seeking to retain the current distribution model for the interest on unspent lottery funds failed. Under the current model sport is inadvertently penalised for its efficient distribution of lottery funds because the interest on unspent funds is allocated to distributors according to the share of unspent funds they hold. Clause 9 of the National Lottery Bill (entitled 'investment income') offers the opportunity to correct this anomaly, as it provides for investment income to be distributed according to original allocation of lottery funds to each good cause. CCPR had briefed peers to support this clause in advance of the report stage.

**Scope:** UK

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will continue to monitor the Bill and keep members informed of key developments.

**Next Steps:** The Bill awaits its Third Reading.

## 4. HEALTH

### 4.1 NICE Physical Activity and the Environment

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is seeking nominations for 'community members' to assist in developing guidance on a public health programme aimed at promoting physical activity. Community members will play a key role in making sure that community perspectives inform its guidance on physical activity and the environment.

Nominations can be made either by your organisation or via CCPR. The deadline for applications is 15 May 2006. CCPR is also registered as a stakeholder member and will continue to contribute to developments.

For further information and copies of the application forms please contact Judith Wood at [jwood@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:jwood@ccpr.org.uk).

**Scope:** England

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR will argue for more development of sport and recreation facilities, greater investment in existing facilities and physical activity interventions, and more cross-departmental engagement on using the environment for physical recreation.

**Next Steps:** For further information on the programme or to apply for the lay person advisory group please visit <http://www.publichealth.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=531789>

**How can you help:** Please send details of any schemes that you run promoting physical activity in the local environment, workplace and community to Judith Wood ([jwood@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:jwood@ccpr.org.uk)) so that it may be included in CCPR's submission to NICE.

## 4.2 Sport & Health Partnership Regional Workshops

West Midlands Workshop at Edgbaston Cricket Ground on the 25 May has been postponed due to the England v Sri Lanka test match. CCPR will inform members of the new date when it is agreed.

**Scope:** England

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR attended the London event on the 26th April and will report back to members in a future update.

**Next Steps:** Should you or your organisation wish to attend one of the meetings please contact KH Associates Ltd email:k.a.houghton@btinternet.com, tel: 07859 016 612.

## 4.3 DCMS Taking Part Survey

DCMS has published its 'Taking Part' survey which analyses the cultural and sporting activities of the nation. To view the report please visit:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5C34581B-AB19-418D-9490-DD6D501032E6/0/TakingPart\\_finalReport.pdf](http://www.culture.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5C34581B-AB19-418D-9490-DD6D501032E6/0/TakingPart_finalReport.pdf).

Or for further information and background information visit:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/research/taking\\_part\\_survey/backgroundinfo.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/research/taking_part_survey/backgroundinfo.htm).

## 4.4 NCA and Dance UK's Dance Manifesto Consultation

The CCPR's Movement and Dance Division has responded to the National Campaign for the Arts and Dance UK's manifesto consultation. The manifesto listed a wide range of actions; including providing better ongoing training for dance teachers, ensuring better pay for performers and more teaching of dance in schools. Recommendations from the manifesto will be presented to the Government, the arts and the dance sector.

**Next Steps:** Once a final copy of the manifesto is produced, CCPR will circulate it to all movement and dance members.

**CCPR Objective:** CCPR is seeking greater engagement with the NCA and the Arts Council to encourage improved dialogue between arts and recreation dance groups, particularly in relation to the health agenda.

For further information about the manifesto, or to view a copy of CCPR's response, please contact Judith Wood on [jwood@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:jwood@ccpr.org.uk).

## **5. ONGOING ITEMS**

This section of the policy update lists issues on which CCPR continues to work, but which have seen no significant change since the last update. The latest position statement with regard to these issues can be found in the policy update named after each item. These issues will of course return to the body of the policy update if there is any change of note.

### **5.1 Compensation Bill**

The Compensation Bill completed its passage through the House of Lords on 27 March and is awaiting its introduction into the Commons. CCPR believes that this is a positive bill for sport and recreation, and will continue to monitor it and keep members informed of key developments. For a detailed briefing on the Bill please visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) and click on the briefings page.

### **5.2 Work at Height Regulations (WAHR)**

Following the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) conclusion that the outdoor sport and recreation sector complies with a sensible interpretation of the regulations, the WAH Crisis Committee is now working with HSE to produce adventure activities guidance which demonstrate this. This guidance will be subject to public consultation. April 2006.

### **5.3 Health Bill – Sports Stadiums**

The Department for Health is expected to consult on whether the smoking ban in public places will apply to stadia. Part of the difficulty in framing the new legislation is determining whether stadia are "substantially enclosed". April 2006.

## **6. COMPLETED ITEMS**

To view CCPR's response to the consultations detailed below visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) and click on Policy and Campaigns and then on CCPR Briefings and Consultation Responses.

### **6.1 London Olympic Games & Paralympic Games Act**

Having received Royal Assent, this Act now formally establishes the Olympic Delivery Authority, enabling LOCOG to prepare for and deliver the Games. It also strengthens existing ambush marketing provisions to protect Olympic sponsors. April 2006.

## 6.2 New Migration System

The Government has published details of the new points-based system for managed migration of workers from outside the European Union. Sportspersons entering the UK will be incorporated in Tiers 2 and 5. CCPR advises members to access the Home Office website to find further details of the proposals: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/command-points-based-migration>. April 2006.

## 6.3 Law Commission Consultation

The CCPR has responded to this consultation which closed on 28 April 2006. In particular, CCPR highlighted the need for greater consideration of sport and recreation during the pre-legislative stages and post-enactment triggers for post-legislative scrutiny.

If you would like the CCPR Policy Update to be sent to other people in your organisation, please supply the additional email addresses to [info@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:info@ccpr.org.uk).

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