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## 1. SPORT & POLITICS

### 1.1 CCPR gives oral evidence to parliamentary inquiry into London 2012

CCPR Chair Brigid Simmonds and Chief Executive Tim Lamb have been invited to give oral evidence to the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee inquiry into preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Brigid and Tim will take the opportunity to press the case for early action to generate increased participation in sport and recreation before, during and after the Games.

### 1.2 DCMS consults on Olympic legacy delivery plan

The Government has set a range of legacy objectives to be achieved as a result of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has released its draft plans for achieving the objectives for which it is responsible. To view the plans visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) and click on briefings and consultations.

**Scope:** UK

**CCPR objective:** to ensure a sustained legacy of increased participation in sport and recreation before, during and after the 2012 games.

**Next steps:** CCPR will respond to the DCMS draft plans by the 1 November 2006 deadline.

**How you can help:** Please send any comments to Andrew Hanson ([ahanson@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:ahanson@ccpr.org.uk)) by Monday 30 October 2006.

### 1.3 Sport gains exclusion from Private Security Industry Act 2001

Existing good practice in sports stewarding was rewarded on Monday 16 October as the Government accepted an amendment to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill tabled by Lord Pendry. This change excludes venues already regulated under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 from further regulation by the Security Industry Authority. This will lead to significant cost savings to sport, and ensure continued good practice.

## 2. REGULATION AFFECTING SPORT AND RECREATION

### 2.1 Managed migration meeting

The Government intends to amalgamate the 80 existing UK migration schemes into a 'Points Based System' which would categorise potential migrants into one of five tiers. This has implications for sport, both in terms of long-term employment of non-EU nationals and short-term visits for tournaments. CCPR hosted a meeting with interested sports and relevant officials on 11 October, and further discussions are likely to follow. Notes of the meeting will shortly be available from CCPR.

**Scope:** UK

**CCPR objective:** to ensure that the needs of sport are appropriately catered for in the new system.

**What next:** Home Office officials agreed to consider further a number of issues relevant to sport prior to holding further discussion.

### 2.2 Gambling Premises Licences

DCMS is consulting on conditions that the Government intends to attach to gambling premises licences, including betting facilities at professional sports grounds. The consultation includes a range of proposals related to 'tracks', which are defined as 'premises on any part of which a race or other sporting event takes place or is intended to take place'. Issues covered include the supervision of bet receipt terminals, opening hours and children's access. Members may wish particularly to consider paragraph 10.2 which proposes removing a requirement for football, rugby and cricket grounds to exclude children from areas where betting takes place. The consultation document is available at:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/D8D11069-4A34-498D-BB59-8380D72F6CF8/0/Cons\\_MandatoryandDefaultConditions.pdf](http://www.culture.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/D8D11069-4A34-498D-BB59-8380D72F6CF8/0/Cons_MandatoryandDefaultConditions.pdf)

**Next steps:** CCPR would encourage all members whose stadia provide betting facilities to respond to this consultation. Responses should be sent to [frances.macleod@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:frances.macleod@culture.gsi.gov.uk) by 10 November 2006. It would also be helpful if you could copy your response to [ahanson@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:ahanson@ccpr.org.uk).

## 3. COUNTRYSIDE AND WATER

### 3.1 Natural England

Natural England was officially launched on the 2 October 2006. Natural England brings together English Nature, the environment activities of the Rural Development Service and the Countryside Agency's Landscape, Access and Recreation division. Natural England's new website is:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk>.

**Scope:** England

**Next steps:** CCPR will continue to build relationships with Natural England to ensure that access and recreation are adequately reflected in its work.

### 3.2 Scottish Executive consultation – Scotland's first coastal and marine national park

The Scottish Executive are currently consulting on proposals to establish Scotland's first Coastal and Marine National Park. The consultation is seeking views on three main themes:

- a. The added value and benefits of a Coastal and Marine National Park
- b. Selecting the location of Scotland's first Coastal and Marine National Park
- c. Functions, Powers and Governance

The full consultation document is available from:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/10/09095444/0>

**Next steps:** CCPR will respond to the consultation in liaison with the Scottish Sports Association .

**How you can help:** Please send any comment to Charlotte Edward ([cedward@ccpr.org.uk](mailto:cedward@ccpr.org.uk)) by 4 December 2006.

## 4. FISCAL

### 4.1 Community Amateur Sports Clubs - [www.cascinfo.co.uk](http://www.cascinfo.co.uk)

CCPR has launched [www.cascinfo.co.uk](http://www.cascinfo.co.uk), a website dedicated to the promotion of the community amateur sports club (CASC) scheme. The website is designed to provide NGBs and clubs with up-to-date, accessible information about the CASC scheme and to help more clubs register as CASCs and reap the significant financial benefits. CCPR continues to operate a helpline for clubs and to work with DCMS, HMRC, Deloitte, runningsports, Sport England and Bates, Wells and Braithwaite to administer the CASC scheme.

Figures provided by Deloitte show there are now 3,950 clubs registered as CASCs with an estimated total cash benefit of at least £14.1 million in rate relief, corporation tax savings and Gift Aid repayments. Mixed sports clubs have the highest number of new registrations with nine additions. The popular spectator sports of lawn tennis, rugby, football and cricket continue to grow and make up 45% of the total registrations.

**Scope:** UK

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

**How can you help:** Help promote the site and the CASC scheme by linking to [www.cascinfo.co.uk](http://www.cascinfo.co.uk) from your own website and by passing this information on to other organisations which could benefit from registration. Please also publicise the success and benefits of the scheme within your organisation and to clubs.

### 4.2 National Minimum Wage

Earlier this year, the Low Pay Commission (LPC) was asked by the Government to prepare a report on the implementation of National Minimum Wage (NMW) legislation. In September CCPR met with the LPC to discuss the impact of NMW on the sporting sector, with a particular focus on sports clubs. The meeting was very useful in maintaining CCPR's dialogue with the body charged with monitoring NMW.

**Scope:** UK

**Next steps:** The LPC will report to the Government by the end of February 2007. It is then a matter for the Government as to what action to take on the Report's recommendations - one aspect that may be considered is to consolidate all of the pieces of guidance on volunteering.

## 4.3 Finance and Governance Forum

The second meeting of the Finance and Governance Forum took place on 9 October. Attendees at the day-long session received VAT training from Deloitte and heard from several guest speakers on a range of topics including income generation and governance. The meeting was very well attended and attendees regarded it as a very useful occasion. If you have any questions about the FGF please contact Ben Andersen-Tuffnell (bat@ccpr.org.uk).

## 5. HEALTH

### 5.1 Department of Health 'Healthy Living' Social Marketing Campaign

The Department of Health has published its draft Healthy Living Social Marketing strategy which aims to halt the increase in obesity amongst the age of 11 by 2010. The strategy aims to improve eating habits and increase physical activity, through a combination of communications and delivery interventions. To view the strategy visit [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk) and click on briefings and responses.

**CCPR objective:** To ensure that the Department of Health fully recognises the role that sports organisations can play in promoting healthy lifestyles, and to seek further resources for sport to deliver on this agenda.

**Next steps:** In order to inform the CCPR response to the consultation, CCPR is hosting a meeting between the Department of Health and invited NGBs on 30 October to consider the draft strategy and to demonstrate the role that sport and recreation can play in its delivery. For further information contact Judith Wood (jwood@ccpr.org.uk).

**How you can help:** CCPR will respond to the draft strategy by the deadline of Friday 10 November 2006. Please send your views to Judith Wood (jwood@ccpr.org.uk) to inform the CCPR response.

## 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 Department for Communities and Local Government Consultation – General Permitted Development Order 1995 (Demolition of Sports Buildings)
- 6.2 HM Treasury & Cabinet Office Review of the Third Sector
- 6.3 Commission on the Future of Volunteering Consultation
- 6.4 NCVO consultation on unclaimed assets
- 6.5 Department of Health Smoke-free Premises and Vehicles