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1. POLITICAL ROUND-UP

1.1 Special advisor on sport and gambling appointed

DCMS has announced the appointment of Blair McDougall as a special advisor on sport and gambling. McDougall, a labour party member from the age of 15, was formerly a special advisor to the Minister for Trade.

2. REGULATION AFFECTING SPORT AND RECREATION

2.1 Gambling Act 2005 – DCMS and CCPR publish guidance

Governing and representative bodies should now be aware that the Gambling Act 2005 was fully implemented on 1 September 2007, with implications for sport ranging from club-house gaming machines to international sponsorship.

CCPR has produced a leaflet specifically for sports clubs, outlining their responsibilities with regard to gaming machines and would encourage all members to distribute this leaflet to their clubs. Copies can be obtained at no charge by emailing info@ccpr.org.uk. The leaflet can also be downloaded at www.ccpr.org.uk.

DCMS has also produced comprehensive guidance on a range of activities that sports clubs might engage in, from race and casino nights, through to society lotteries. This information is available at:

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/GamblingAct2005-factsheets.htm?contextId=%7bFD08D90B-95E4-43E6-B6A5-DFDFC0813137.

2.2 Code on sports betting

The Professional Players Federation (previously the Institute for Professional Sport) has published a paper examining sports betting from the players' perspective. The paper highlights the need for a comprehensive, well-funded education programme for all players and proposes that NGBs and player associations should work in partnership to develop, promote and enforce the Gambling Act 2005.

The Code is available online at <http://www.ppf.org.uk/mbrdata/pdf/8W7U0q.pdf>.

3. FACILITIES

3.1 Community Assets Fund launched

The £30 million Community Assets Fund is now open for applications with grants ranging from £150,000 to £1m. These grants support the transfer of local authority-owned assets to voluntary sector organisations by providing funds for refurbishment. For further details visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is 15 November 2007. Applications must involve the local authority wishing to transfer the asset and the voluntary organisation that will assume its management.

4. FISCAL & FINANCE

4.1 Community Amateur Sports Clubs

There are now 4,433 clubs registered, claiming an estimated total cash benefit of at least £20.9m by 31 July 2007.

Many thanks to those organisations which helped to publicise CCPR's sports club Gift Aid survey. Over 350 clubs responded to the survey and CCPR is currently analysing the results, which will help to inform its response to the Government's consultation on Gift Aid.

As noted in the last update, DCMS has ordered an additional 15,000 CASC leaflets. The leaflets are free, so if you would like to take advantage of the reprint and 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. The leaflets were produced in conjunction with CCPR.

4.2 Finance & Governance Forum

The next meeting of the FGF will take place at Wembley Stadium on 17 October 2007. Neil Wood, Finance Director of LOCOG, is the keynote speaker. Business, financial, HR and legal issues will also be covered on the day. For more information contact Ben Andersen-Tuffnell (bat@ccpr.org.uk).

5. RESEARCH ROUND-UP

5.1 CCPR to publish results of 2007 sports club survey

On 25 September CCPR will publish the results of the sports clubs survey 2007. This survey of over 2000 sports clubs was conducted by independent researchers Sports Marketing Surveys, and provides a deep insight into the health of sports clubs, including issues such as finances, membership, participation and volunteering. The survey results will be available for download at www.ccpr.org.uk and will be essential reading for all those involved in the development and funding of community sport.

5.2 Sport England publish 'Promoting Sport' toolkit

Sport England recently added a new section to its website: the 'Promoting Sport' toolkit. This is a collection of simple-to-use tools enabling people to promote sport and active recreation to the public. Resources include a library of community sport photos, links to research reports and a series of how-to guides.

For more information, click here: <http://promotingsport.sportengland.org/default.aspx>.

5.3 National Survey of Volunteering and Charitable Giving

This month saw the publication of *Helping Out: A National Survey of Volunteering and Charitable Giving*, carried out by the National Centre for Social Research, in partnership with the Institute for Volunteering Research. It builds on three previous national surveys of volunteering conducted in 1981, 1991 and 1997. It aims to enhance understanding of people's experiences and attitudes towards volunteering and giving, and the barriers to participation, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The research found that 22% of current volunteers volunteer within sports and exercise, the third most popular category, behind education and religion.

To access the full report, click here: http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/documents/research_statistics/helping_out_national_survey_2007.pdf.

5.4 Children 'not exercising enough'

A University of Bath study of 5,595 children has found that 95 per cent of boys and 99.6 per cent of girls fall short of the recommended physical activity target of one hour each day. The research, published in *The Archives of Disease in Childhood*, found that, on average, children do 17 minutes of moderate physical activity and two minutes of vigorous physical activity every day.

For more information, click here: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/6991226.stm>.

5.5 The Substance Project Reporting System

Substance, the social research company specialising in the areas of sport, youth inclusion and community regeneration, has developed a comprehensive monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework which is available to activity-based social policy programmes and individual projects working in the fields of youth and social development. It provides users with access to a range of expertly designed features to help them demonstrate: the breadth and quality of their work; the engagement and progress of participants; the contributions and development of volunteers; and how activities and approaches are meeting key programme objectives and Government policy agendas.

For more information on SPRS, click here: <http://www.substance.coop/?q=sprs>.

6. ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

This section lists issues and consultations that have featured in previous policy updates. To view these please visit www.ccpr.org.uk/ourcampaigning.

Department for Children, Schools and Families – children and risk

This consultation seeks views on the roles of government, schools and parents in keeping our children safe, and acknowledges the need for children to learn about risk. CCPR's draft response is available at www.ccpr.org.uk and any comments should be sent to Andrew Hanson at ahanson@ccpr.org.uk.

Natural England – fire prevention restrictions

This informal consultation seeks views on streamlining the activation and expiry of fire prevention restrictions under the CRow Act. Please contact dcarter@ccpr.org.uk if you would like a copy of the consultation. The deadline for responses is 1 October.

DEFRA – marine diversity

This consultation seeks views on measures to protect marine biodiversity interests in Lyme Bay from the impact of fishing with dredges and other towed gear. Please respond directly to DEFRA, <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/lymebay-biodiversity/index.htm>
The deadline for responses is 7 December.

7. 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/ourcampaigning.

Sport England review of community sport

CCPR's response highlights the central role of voluntary sports clubs in increasing participation.

Coastal Access

CCPR's response makes the case for increased access for all non-motorised activities, and the preservation of existing access rights for all activities.

Single Equality Bill

CCPR's response highlights the need to allow sport to continue to organise competition based on age, gender, ability etc both for reasons of health and safety, and to increase participation.

Planning White Paper

CCPR's response makes the case for a national policy statement on physical activity and the built environment.

Cabinet Office Consultation on Effective Consultation

CCPR's response highlights the need for the Government to consult stakeholders at a relatively early stage of policy formulation, ensuring the views of sport and recreation are heard.

Communities and Local Government 3rd Sector Strategy

CCPR's response emphasised the role that voluntary sports clubs play at community level, and the need to ensure their inclusion within the strategy.

Public Rights of Way - implementation of the right to apply for orders to extinguish and divert public rights of way, and associated rights of appeal

CCPR's response stresses the need for effective public consultation and communication and for timescale parity with Definitive Map Modification Orders.

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