

meeting SUPPORT FOR OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS – SELECT COMMITTEE

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agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Support for Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee

Support for the Olympics and Paralympics

Purpose of the report

- 1. To provide information about a presentation which will be given by Anne Rippon, Regional Director Sport England who is attending the meeting at the Select Committee's invitation.
- 2. To provide an introduction to Rob Fisher, Head of Emergency Management and Registration who has been requested to present information about the County Council's emergency planning provision for events associated with the Olympics and Paralympics.

Background

- 3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 23 April 2007 commissioned the Support for the Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee To identify the opportunities offered by the London Olympics 2012 to benefit Nottinghamshire, to consider what arrangements currently exist to exploit these opportunities, and to identify what further arrangements the County Council and other agencies/partners need to put in place to maximise the benefits of these major events for Nottinghamshire.
- 4. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee set the scope of this review, which includes considering:
 - How the review links to strategic priorities
 - How the review links to community concern
 - What outcomes the review should seek
 - Specific areas that the review should consider
 - Suggested evidence, witnesses, and public involvement

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was particularly concerned that the scrutiny review should concentrate its efforts on strategic issues and that the review should aim to conclude its work by December 2007.

Presentation by Anne Rippon – Head of Policy, Improvement and Communications, Sport England

- 5. Sport England exists to sustain and increase participation in community sport. It is a non-departmental public body and Lottery distributor. It seeks to do this by promoting, investing in and advising on the development of:
 - Community sports activities
 - Sports clubs
 - Coaches and officials
 - Player pathways
 - Volunteering
 - Sports facilities.
- 6. Sport England is working with a range of partners to help ensure the London 2012 Paralympics and Paralympics Games delivers a lasting legacy across England. These partners include:
 - The Government
 - The London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games
 - Youth Sport Trust the body responsible for improving the quality of school sport
 - UK Sport responsible for elite sport and world class events
 - Greater London Authority.

Report by Rob Fisher - Head of Service for Emergency Management and Registration

7. Rob Fisher will give a presentation which will clarify issues regarding the safety of sports grounds, legislative issues and emergency planning considerations associated with the preparation for events leading up to and during the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

Recommendations

- 8. It is recommended that the Support for the Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee
 - Consider, and ask questions on, the information provided in the presentations to the Select Committee.
 - agree any issues around the future work programme

Councillor Yvonne Davidson Chair of the Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee

Background papers: nil.