



meeting	<b>SUPPORT FOR OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS – SELECT COMMITTEE</b>	
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## Report of the Chair of the Support for Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee

### Support for Olympics and Paralympics - Scope of Review

#### Purpose of the report

1. This report provides:
  - an introduction to the scope of the review set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and an opportunity for Members to consider the future work programme
  - information about a presentation which will be given as the next agenda item at this Select Committee meeting by Tracy Croft , East Midlands Co-ordinator for the 2012 Games, which has been requested to “set the scene” for this scrutiny review.
  - an introduction to Simon Starr, Director Sports Nottinghamshire – The County Sports Partnership for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire - who is attending this Select Committee meeting at the Committee’s invitation.
  - an opportunity for Members to consider any comments that they may wish to make on the East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games – Consultation

#### Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on Monday 23 April 2007 commissioned the Support for Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee to address the following key issue: **To identify the opportunities offered by the London Olympics and Paralympics 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.**

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee set the scope of this review, which is attached at Appendix 1 of this report, and includes:
  - 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 this scrutiny review should concentrate its efforts on strategic issues and that the review should aim to conclude its work by December 2007.

### **Detailed scope**

- 4 The Select Committee may wish to consider the areas of review set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the following detailed scoping questions:

#### **Who should Members request evidence from at future meetings?**

The scope identifies some potential witnesses that the Select Committee may wish to invite or add to. Members may wish to consider whether written evidence or attendance would be preferred. Members may wish to seek additional information based on the initial presentation to this Select Committee by Tracy Croft.

#### **When will the Topic Select Committee meet to consider this scrutiny review?**

Members are requested to set a suggested future programme of evidence gathering for this Topic Select Committee in the timescales available.

#### **Does the review require any visits?**

#### **How could the review involve the public?**

### **Presentation by Tracy Croft – East Midlands Coordinator for the 2012 Games**

5. The scrutiny review will start off by examining current or planned work in support of the Olympics and Paralympics by the County Council, and across the region as a whole. East Midlands Development Agency (emda) has joined forces with Sport England to fund a full time co-ordinator “to make sure the region is best-placed to benefit from, and offer support to London 2012”.

The Select Committee welcomes Tracy Croft to its first meeting, who will give a presentation to Members on co-ordination work carried out so far. There will then be an opportunity for Member questions.

### **Introduction to Simon Starr – Director, Sport Nottinghamshire – the County Sports Partnership for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire**

- 6 The document – The East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games Consultation says that “Within our region our County Sports Partnerships and Strategic Sub-regional Partnerships are actively supporting the work on the 2012 agenda and steering its development within their own County areas.” The Select Committee also welcomes Simon Starr to its first meeting.

### **The East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games – Consultation**

- 7 In March 2007 a consultation exercise for the East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games was launched. Comments are welcomed by Friday 15 June 2007 – to be sent to the East Midlands Co-ordinator for the 2012 Games - in order that they can be incorporated into the final Strategy documents. A copy of the East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games – Consultation – has been sent to each Member of the Select Committee with the agenda papers to this meeting. The Strategy document can also be downloaded from the East Midlands Development Agency website at [www.emda.org.uk/2012](http://www.emda.org.uk/2012). Members may wish to collate their comments on the Strategy at this Select Committee meeting.

### **Recommendations**

8. It is recommended that the Support for Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee -
- consider, and ask questions on, the initial information provided in the presentation to the Select Committee, to include discussion of any issues arising with Tracy Croft and Simon Starr
  - agree any issues around the future work programme for the Select Committee.
  - collate any comments the Committee may wish to make on the East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games Consultation.

**Councillor Yvonne Davidson**  
**Chair of the Support for Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee**

**Background papers:** The East Midlands Strategy for the 2012 Games – Consultation