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Announcement on school sport

Education Secretary Michael Gove MP has today set out the direction of travel, and initial funding, for the Coalition Government's new approach on school sports. This means schools will receive funding to allow PE teachers to further embed competitive sport in schools across the country and raise participation. Every secondary school will receive funding up to the end of the academic year in 2013 to pay for one day a week of a PE teacher's time to be spent out of the classroom, encouraging greater take-up of competitive sport in primary schools and securing a fixture network for schools to increase the amount of intra- and inter-school competition.

The Government wants to ensure that there is a smooth transition to this new system. The Department is therefore announcing time-limited funding to help schools embed this good practice:

- The Department will pay school sport partnerships for the full school year to the end of the summer term 2011 at a cost of £47 million. This will ensure the partnerships and their service can continue until the end of the academic year.
- A further £65 million from the Department's spending review settlement will be paid to enable every secondary school to release one PE teacher for a day a week in the school year 2011/12 and in 2012/13. This will ensure all the benefits of the current system are fully embedded.

The Government will also:

- revise the PE curriculum in the curriculum review to place a new emphasis on competitive sports
- invite Dame Kelly Holmes to lead a network of sporting advocates to work with her in promoting school sport around the country and to encourage more young people to participate in sport
- work through Sport England with the national governing bodies of individual sports to get more volunteer sports leaders and coaches into our schools to encourage wider participation
- fund the Youth Sport Trust to expand the Young Ambassadors programme so that every secondary school, and some primary schools too, can appoint ambassadors in the run up to London 2012.

More information on the announcement can be found [here](#).

DCMS announces Legacy Plans

Today the Department of Culture Media and Sport published the Government's high-level vision and detailed plans for the legacy from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The document includes how the sporting legacy will be delivered, detailing Sport England's role through Places People Play. The document also contains plans for how to exploit the full the opportunities for economic growth offered by hosting the Games; promoting community engagement and achieving participation across

all groups in society through the Games; and ensuring that the Olympic Park can be developed after the Games as one of the principal drivers of regeneration in East London.

DCMS will publish annual updates to the legacy plan. A consortium from the private and academic sectors, led by Grant Thornton, will carry out a meta-evaluation of the 2012 Games' benefits and legacy, which will bring together evidence relating to the benefits of individual legacy initiatives into a coherent whole. The first report from the consortium will be published in the New Year.

You can read the details of the plan on the [DCMS website](#).

Localism Bill Published

The Bill is a complex document with a number of significant announcements of relevance to local government and planning.

The main themes to run through the Bill are outlined below:

- Community 'Right to Challenge' – Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, parish councils and local authority employees delivering a service will be able to challenge a local authority to let them run that service.
- Community 'Right to Buy' – Communities will be able to bid for public or private assets when they come up for sale. This will allow communities to save sites which are important to their community.
- Local Referendums – Local people will be able to launch a local referendum on any local issue. Local authorities and other public authorities will have to take the outcomes into account in decision making.
- Directly elected mayors – The government proposes to allow 12 English cities to have executive mayors from 2012, subject to referendums and full scrutiny by elected councillors.
- Neighbourhood Planning – The Bill will introduce a new right for communities to shape their local areas. Neighbourhood plans will enable communities to allow development, in full or in outline, without the need for planning applications.
- Community 'Right to Build' – This measure will allow local communities to take forward development in their area without the need to apply for planning permission, provided at least 50 percent of the community agrees in a referendum.

The Bill will receive its second reading on 17 January.

CMS Select Committee inquiry into the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As part of their ongoing inquiry into London 2012, the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee heard from Lord Coe, Chairman, London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympics Games; Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympics Games; John Armit CBE, Chairman, Olympic Delivery Authority and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority.

During the session, the LOCOG and ODA witnesses gave evidence on the security of the games, budget and sponsorship, transport, skills and apprenticeships, volunteering and legacy use of the facilities including the stadium. Philip Davies MP (ShIPLEY, Conservative) turned to legacy support and asked about the continued public broadcasting involvement especially from the BBC to ensure increased levels of physical activity. In reply Lord Coe stated that they were working with the BBC and Channel 4. He stated that Channel 4 would have 10 one hour long documentaries to introduce viewers to the Paralympics and sports.

The committee then went on to hear from Tim Reddish OBE, Chairman, British Paralympic Association and Lord Moynihan, Chairman, British Olympic Association who were questioned about elite funding, the power and inspiration of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, legacy plans including Gold Challenge, the role of UK Sport and the BOA, the protection of funding post 2012 and medal targets, and of how to encourage more children and young people into elite sport and the fielding of a Olympic GB football team.

The Minister for Sport and the Olympics, Hugh Robertson MP will give evidence to the committee on Tuesday 21 October.

Adjournment debate on Football Governance

In an adjournment debate, Labour MP John Mann (Bassetlaw) debated the state of English football and the governance of the FA. He also discussed the FIFA World Cup bid and stated that the fact that England got just two votes was “very wrong indeed”. John Mann MP argued that in English football, there has been a similar boom to that experienced by the banks, stating that it was “contemporaneous-perhaps not coincidentally contemporaneous” that there was a risk that the English football boom would turn to bust.

He also stated that it was “outrageous” that the football world had not stood as one behind the athletics world regarding a football club using the Olympic stadium as part of the legacy. Concluding, he stated that as well as leverage over the European Commission and thus Sky's packaging and bundling of football, the Government has leverage over the FA. The FA received a lot of money and he called on the new chairman not to give in to the premier league.

The Sports and Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson MP argued that the Government had protected funding to grassroots football and he highlighted the initiatives such as ‘Supporters Direct’ and the ‘Kick It Out Campaign’ which supported the black and minority ethnic engagement. He also highlighted that the Government had presented FIFA with a strong and compelling case for hosting the World Cup, however it was clear that FIFA was looking for a new frontier for football and a “global political statement”.

The Minister made a reassurance that an athletics legacy after 2012 was one of the commitments made to the International Olympic Committee and he stressed that it would be a commitment that would be met. On the issue of governance, Mr Robertson said that the Government supported the Burns proposals that the FA should ideally have a fully independent chairman. He also stated that he would leave the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee to run its cross-party inquiry first rather than the Government intervening too.

A copy of the transcript can be found [here](#).

Dates for your diary

21 December - House of Commons rises

11 January - House of Commons returns

29 January – Deadline to respond to DCMS Select Committee inquiry on football governance

March 2011 – Deadline to respond to consultation on Public Health White Paper

23 March - Budget 2011