

## South West Region 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Update November 2005

### LOCOG Interim Board

The LOCOG Board was established on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005. Members of the Interim Board\*, Chaired by Lord Coe, will serve for up to six months until the permanent LOCOG board is appointed before next April. Interim Board Members include:

Sebastian Coe (Chairman)  
Keith Mills (CEO)  
Neil Wood (LOCOG Finance Director)  
Craig Reddie (BOA + IOC Member)  
Philip Craven (IPC + IOC Member)  
HRH The Princess Royal (IOC Member)  
Simon Clegg (BOA)  
Mike Brace (BPA)  
Neale Coleman (GLA)  
Mary Reilly (LDA)  
Patrick Carter (Sport England)  
Howard Bernstein (Manchester City Council)  
Jonathan Edwards (athlete representative)

A £50 million three year funding agreement was also approved at the meeting and will form the basis of the Organising Committee's operating budget to help to maintain momentum and activity in the vital early stages of preparation for the Olympic Games. The funding package will enable LOCOG to begin planning for key Olympic Games and Paralympic Games programmes, including Olympic revenue raising programmes for sponsorship, merchandising and ticketing as well as other key Games-related projects such as the volunteering programme and Torch Relay.

### Nations and Regions Group

The Nations and Regions Group will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> November and the South West's representative is Ged Roddy – Chair of Sport England South West. He will be supported by Juliet Williams and Nick Buckland from the South West RDA.

### Weymouth and Portland

LOCOG requested that South West RDA provide capacity and technical support to develop the plans for the sailing venue. A consultant team has been appointed that will report to a 'Weymouth steering group' (implementation team, with representatives from LOCOG, South West RDA, the Sailing Academy and RYA. Current thinking locally, which LOCOG seem to share is that once the brief for the works has been settled (LOCOG are currently reviewing the brief for all of the venues, this should be completed by Feb 2006) then the detailed design process and obtaining of statutory consents for the permanent works could commence in earnest, so that these could be completed by the **end of 2008**. This would coincide with the period after the 2008 games in China, when competitors attention will focus on the build up to the London 2012 Games, and allow LOCOG to at least have one facility finished well in advance. Exactly who would build the works is yet to be settled.

### Regional Activity

Whilst the structures and processes are being established the South West Region has carried out the following activity:

- Developed an Executive Group comprised of members of the South West RDA and Sport England South West
- Contacted a number of regional stakeholders about their vision and objectives for the Olympic Games
- Briefed a number of Groups and individuals about the progress –the Regional Cultural Consortium, Plymouth City Council, Business West, Honiton Market and Coastal Towns Initiative, Western Daily Press, Bath Business Club, Institute of Directors , Devon and Cornwall
- Contributed to LSC information and brief for LSC research about skills developments at previous Games
- Developed updates on the South West RDA/Sport England Web site
- Attended meetings of the Dorset Olympic Group
- Attended meetings with LOCOG regarding the next stage of development of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy
- Circulation of LOCOG Press Releases
- Made contact with other RDAs and in particular the LDA

Future briefings are planned for the Devon and Cornwall Business Council, Devon and Cornwall Institute of Directors, Dorset Olympic Group as well as communication of progress to Sub Regional Partnerships.

Plans are being developed to plan a regional roadshow in 2006 to consult with partners and stakeholders and inform the regional strategy. A major summit will be planned for mid year in order to work with LOCOG to fully maximise the benefits of the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games to the Region.

## **Background Notes**

### **1. LOCOG**

A company called LOCOG - The London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games is currently being set up to organise, publicise and stage the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. This company will replace the bidding company and its responsibility in the short-term will be to conduct careful planning to ensure that London delivers on its promises.

### **2. Nations and Regions Group**

As part of the planning work to date LOCOG has reviewed the 'Nations & Regions Group' (NRG), which was set up during the bidding phase to develop support for the Bid across the UK and are proposing to set up a structure, lead by this group, which will ensure delivery of UK-wide benefits from London hosting the Games in an effective, co-ordinated way.

South West Regional Development Agency is working with Sport England South West to develop a strategy for the South West Region which will reflect the aims of the Nations & Regions Group, but which will also be tailored to local needs to ensure that the South West benefits from the opportunities provided by London hosting the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games – from inspiring greater sporting involvement to hosting major events and preparation camps, increasing tourism, providing goods, services and volunteers and leaving a lasting legacy for the whole community. The Region will have a representative on the Nations & Regions Group, which will involve senior representation from Regional Development Agencies and Regional Sports Boards. Charles Allen will be the Chair.

### **3. Regional Activity**

Sue Handford is currently working as the interim Project Manager to work closely with LOCOG and the South West NRG representative to ensure a coordinated approach to activity - That contributes to the broader objectives of the Games, whilst also respecting the legal commitments that LOCOG has made to the IOC under the Host City Contract and Olympic

Charter. Sue works with Huw Jarvis at South West RDA and Phil de Glanville at Sport England SW.

The Project Manager will help work with the Region and the Nations and Regions structure during this transition. She will be responsible for project managing activities to deliver the benefits in due course. LOCOG are currently developing processes and procedures for working with individual organisations and groups to ensure the rest of the UK, including the South West maximises the benefits from the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The region intends to appoint a steering group to support consultation and activity once LOCOG have agreed appropriate operating procedures. South West RDA and Sport England South West want this to be a catalyst that benefits every part of the region-before, during and after the Games”

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2005**