

2012 Olympics Northampton and County Steering Group Meeting Report

Date of meeting : Friday 27th November 2009

Chair: Gary Sheppard

Minute Taker: Gary Sheppard

Attendance : Sally Keeble (MP – Left early) Sue Grace, Graham Callister & Anna Letts (Northamptonshire County Council), Tracy Croft (EMDA), David Randall & Julia Schumacer (NEL), Nick Hayton (Corby Borough Council), Helen Thompson (RDFC), Amanda Saunders (Sally Keeble's office), Lee Howarth & Robbie Spears (Moulton College), Lawrence Kay (Northampton Borough Council), Chris Holmes & Gary Sheppard (Northamptonshire Sport)

Apologies : Chris Mallendar (Corby Borough Council), Gillian Harrison (Education), Rob Knott (EMDa) Brian Binley (MP), & Nicola Gower (Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited), Jessica Pilkington (Northamptonshire Community Foundation), John Collins (Northamptonshire Basketball Club).

1. Welcomes and introductions

GS welcomed everyone and as there were a number of new people attending, a round the table introduction was carried out.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising

There was no matter arising that are not being covered by the agenda.

4. 2012 Action plan

GS distributed the final draft of the 2012 strategy document that has been produced by a small task group. A number of amendments were provided at the meeting and it was agreed that following a small re – write the document would be endorsed by the Steering Group. It was also agreed that the document needed to be produced by a professional designer and JS would arrange through NEL. Once produced the document would be circulated electronically as well as a small print run.

5. Group make up and membership

There was a wide ranging discussion on the make up of the group and the need for the engagement of senior figures across the public, private and third sector. Lead figures identified as potential members included Chris Mallendar (Chair), Paul Burnett, David Wright and David Randall from NEL and Stephen Horsley from NHS Northants. Member representation was also discussed and some senior local government figures have expressed an interest in being involved. It was agreed that the lead figures should be approached and that the strategy provides a useful starting point for discussion.

6 Regional & National updates.

TC gave an update on national and regional 2012 issues / programmes.

- a) 2 years out open weekend – weekend of 24th July sees the 2 year anniversary to the start of the Games. LOCOG is encouraging open weekends to celebrate. Further details to follow on registration process but if people can start disseminating information and planning events. There will be a small local budget available for activities.
- b) Get Set Education programme – No Northamptonshire schools at the regional schools event coordinated by the regional Children and young people Olympics lead.
- c) Inspiremark – Emma Burke, Regional Coordinator is returning to work from sick leave and will be available to help develop ideas and thoughts on Inspire mark projects.
- d) Business – LOCOG are re-selling the message about Compete for as the next round of business opportunities are now emerging – the construction tenders have been mainly filled but many more opportunities still exist.
- e) Torch Relay - Director appointed and an email is due out soon to all Las and contacts re: a meeting to discuss the relay. The meeting will serve to provide some information on the thinking so far and the process for becoming involved.

7) Pre games Training Camps update

JS said she had met with all training camps and was developing a county wide leaflet to be sent to National Olympic Committees and relevant contacts to promote the Northamptonshire offer. JS said she had secured some funding but needed additional resource to make it happen. It was felt that PGTC venues should contribute so agreed that GS would seek a contribution. Northamptonshire Sport would also provide some funding for it.

Each PTC venue representative gave an update as to where they were at. HT said that she was working with Milton Keynes and their World Cup 2018 bid – it also made sense for Rushden & Diamonds to work with Beds and MK re: PGTCs due to geographic proximity.

Engagement of Kettering Arena is also proving difficult and this will need to be followed up.

8. Champions Fund update

GS updated the group with progress. Please see attached an update from the Community Foundation on the scheme.

GS had made a number of changes to the scheme which revolve around funding. The amount available to be applied for has been reduced in the first instance to a maximum of £400, with those reapplying the amount has been reduced to £150.

Any Other Business

There was no A.O. B

9. Date of Next Meeting

February 2010 – To be confirmed

April 20th 2010 – 12pm

25th June 2010 – 12pm

27th August 2010 – 12pm

29th October 2010 – 12pm