

NOTES OF MEETING

**OLYMPICS 2012 SCRUTINY PANEL
8TH FEBRUARY 2011**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor M. Hunt)
Councillors Brown, K. Jones, Miah, Ranson, Sutherland and Wilson.

APOLOGY: Councillor Day.

I. PROGRESS WITH THE REVIEW

The Panel considered the Scope Document (item 2(a) on the agenda filed with these notes) and the Notes of the meeting held on 31st January 2010 (item 2(b) on the agenda filed with these notes).

AGREED that the Panel Report be drafted, in consultation with the Chair of the Panel, to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Panel, due to be held on 22nd February 2011.

2. OLYMPICS 2012 – CONSIDERATION OF RESILIENCE, POLICING AND SECURITY

Peter Hinton (Emergency Planning Co-Ordinator, Charnwood Borough Council), Roger Kennedy (Loughborough University Security), Tim McCabe (Leicestershire Police) and Mark Newcombe (Leicestershire Police) attended the Panel to provide advice and assistance with considering matters relating to resilience, policing and security during the period of the Olympic Games in 2012.

There was a meeting concerning security and emergency planning, which would be taking place at Leicestershire Police Headquarters on Wednesday 9th February 2011. In terms of being prepared for the Olympics 2012, resilience activities were based around three key areas:

1. Risk Assessments: these were routine and take place throughout the year; in the run up to and through the Olympics 2012, these would be tailored to take into account the potential impact of incidents upon Olympic activities;
2. Exercises: these also take place throughout the year, the most high profile event being Loughborough Fair, an exercise of a major incident, “Greystoke” would be taking place in July 2011 at Loughborough University which would involve all the emergency services and the NHS; and
3. Up skilling and Training Schedule: to ensure that all the agencies have personnel who are prepared to deal with major incidences and events/circumstances at short notice (e.g. visit of a high profile VIP).

The following issues were raised:

- (i) at the moment Policing resources was not known, since it was expected that there would be a draw on police officers around the Country to London

during the games, the national guidance on this still had not been issued; however, police officers were not able to take leave during this period;

- (ii) risks to be assessed during the Olympics would also include natural events, for example, flooding, which would have an impact on transport and infrastructure;
- (iii) the Council had been issuing guidance for celebration events concerning consideration of risks and health and safety issues;
- (iv) plans existed for security arrangements to be in place should a VIP wish to visit at short notice, this would be tailored for the Olympics, however, such circumstances arose at present and the police had established procedures for dealing with such arrangements;
- (v) the CCTV operations room could be used as a hub for operations during that time;
- (vi) there were regional mobilisation arrangements in place where, if a major incident occurred in one area then resources could be used from neighbouring forces; in addition there were regional transport and traffic management arrangements in place;
- (vii) the police and emergency services were well equipped for localised major incidences and to cover high risk security in certain areas; what would be difficult to resource would be high security risk across the Country and major incidents across all areas;
- (viii) residents of Loughborough would not be disadvantaged by their police being directed towards Loughborough University, since resources would be used from across the County;
- (ix) the usual arrangements would be in place for security on Loughborough University campus during the Olympics and the teams themselves have security, individual athletes walking around was unlikely to be a security problem, since most people were unlikely to recognise them and such movement was random; planning for the Olympics and Risk Assessments had commenced in 2008;
- (x) there were unlikely to be significant changes to traffic controls or train timetables during the Olympic period, unless a security assessment identified a specific threat, for example to a train station or airport; and
- (xi) there were no security issues associated with community and school events during this time, however, PCSOs would be taking part in some of these events mainly to build links with their communities but also to provide a reassuring presence.

AGREED that the following form a recommendation in the Panel's Report: that the evidence and reassurance given by the Emergency Planning Officer, Leicestershire Police and Loughborough University Security be welcomed and that the

development of the approaches set out be supported and that through the partnership arrangements it be ensured that this continued.

3. OLYMPICS 2012 – SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Joy Clapham (Deputy Head teacher, Humphrey Perkins High School and Community College) attended to inform the Panel about the events the School was organising, along with other local schools, to celebrate the Olympic Games in 2012.

Humphrey Perkins High School had been signed up to the “Get Set” project since June 2010. In September 2010, a project had been undertaken with Year 7 aimed at shaping values, which involved 300 young people adopting a Country and learning about that Country.

By October 2010, the Get Set Committee was launched, which is pulling together events across Humphrey Perkins’ family of schools; this would involve around 4,500 children. There was a proposal for a four day festival in all of the family schools in July 2012. Other proposals include:

1. Locality sporting events to replicate the Olympics and Para-Olympics in schools (a venue is needed and the events need to include parents as well as young people);
2. Opportunities for schools to come together to create a large piece of art, for example, a shape in the landscape (development of risk assessments would be needed); and
3. Business afternoon/evening, celebration events in each village.

The following issues were raised:

- (i) the “Get Set” programme had been targeted nationally, so all schools, including special schools, would have received the information; and
- (ii) it was important for other localities to arrange similar events and work together to achieve this; the Government were keen to encourage larger scale events in localities.

The Panel thanked Joy Clapham for attending to inform them about the work that Humphrey Perkins High School was doing to create a legacy.

AGREED

1. that Shimul Haider (2012 Games Legacy Director, Inspire LeicesterShire) be asked to provide an update on which schools would be taking part in the “Get Set” programme and what action was being taken to encourage locality events, as being organised by Humphrey Perkins High School; and
2. that that the following form a recommendation in the Panel Report: that through the partnership and through events promotion, the Council encourage schools and community organisations to work together to establish larger locality events during the Olympics 2012.

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS

The Panel considered dates and arrangements for future meetings.

The Team Leader – Committee & Mayoral Services and Scrutiny Manager would liaise with the Chair of the Panel in putting together a draft Report of the Panels deliberations and recommendations, to be circulated in advance of the next meeting.

AGREED that the final meeting of the Panel be scheduled on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 to look at Celebratory/Structure/Monitoring and Finalisation of Panel Report and Recommendations, including consideration of budgeting and finance.