

Update on progress of the Sporting Legacy Plan

Introduction

On Tuesday 21 May, Hugh Robertson the Minister for Sport released a Ministerial statement to update the House of Parliament on progress with the delivery of the Government's 10 Point Sports Legacy Action Plan. The last progress report was issued on 24th January 2013.

The current Legacy plan includes:

1. £125m per year funding for elite sport over the next four years - up until Rio 2016;
2. £300m investment to turn the Olympic site into the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, open to the community;
3. Bringing 20 major sporting events to UK by 2019, with more bids in progress;
4. Sport England's £135m Places People Play legacy programme to fund new facilities, volunteering and participation programmes;
5. £1bn investment over the next five years in the Youth Sport Strategy, linking schools with sports clubs and encouraging sporting habits for life;
6. Government support for the Join In programme to build on the spirit of volunteering seen at the Games by getting people to volunteer at their local sports club;
7. Introduction of the School Games programme sponsored by Sainsburys to boost schools sport and county sport festivals;
8. More done to ensure PE in schools is available to all;
9. £1.5m funding to the English Federation of Disability Sport to increase participation in sports by disabled people;
10. Continue funding for International Inspiration, the UK's international sports development programme, to 2014.

The Statement gives useful insight and a complete overview of the current programmes and policies currently delivered by the government and bodies such as Sport England.

The next update to the House will be in July, to mark the anniversary of the Opening of the London 2012 Games.

Key updates

Games Maker Database:

- London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has handed over its Games Maker database to the consortium partners: Sport England, UK Sport, London Partners and Join In;
- The database is now reaching out to 5.3 million people Games Makers and provides information about volunteering opportunities across the UK including advice on how to volunteer at major sporting events such as the International Cricket Champions Trophy in June and the Rugby League World Cup in November.

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Sport Participation

- The next Active People Survey will be released in June 2013.
- The Active People Survey identifies how participation varies from place to place and between different groups in the population. It provides by far the largest sample size ever established for a sport and recreation survey and allows levels of detailed analysis previously unavailable.

Community

- Sport England has increased the funding for Places People Play raising it to £155m. The programme is dedicated to encourage more people to get involved in sport in their local communities;
- Since January, 11,747 new Sport Makers have been recruited, bringing the total to 50,704. Sport Makers are individuals passionate about sports who are dedicated to inspiring, supporting local clubs, and organising competitions or sport events to increase sports participation;
- The Sportivate programme, which gives 14-25 year olds access to six-week courses in a range of sports including judo, golf, tennis, wakeboarding, athletics, and parkour or free running, has been extended until 2017 with additional £24m Lottery funding. So far it has given 225,000 young people the chance to try new sports, an increase of 84,445 since January 2013.

Youth Sport Strategy

- The Youth Sport Strategy aims to increase the proportion of young people regularly playing sport;
- In May, a £1.8m year long pilot to test new and innovative approaches to the delivery of women's sport was launched in Bury;
- The first £5.1m of the £40m Community Sport Activation Fund, which aims to develop and support grassroots activity at a very local level, has been allocated to 32 projects;
- StreetGames, a charity which supports sports activities within deprived areas, has created 46 Door Step Club pilots, designed to offer sustainable clubs for young people;
- 80,000 students have participated in Active Universities, a programme encouraging students to become physically active. It represents an increase of 35,000 since the first year. Furthermore, 153 College Sports Makers are in place in Further Education Colleges and a pilot in Birmingham has led 18 schools to open up their sports facilities for community use.

Join In

- The aim of Join In is to encourage people to help out at sports clubs and community groups around the UK;
- Join In 2013 will run for 6 weeks over the anniversary period. This year there will be 10,000 events, attracting 70,000 volunteers – these events will span the UK and 25% of them will focus on community activities;
- Join In will host the 'Go Local' event at the Olympic Park on 19 July which will bring together those who volunteered in 2012, and encourage them to inspire others to volunteer and to undertake projects in their own community.

School Games

- As of 6 May 2013, a total of 16,918 schools had registered for the School Games, of which 13,271 are fully engaged in the programme;
- 450 School Games organisers are in post with funding extended until 2014/15;
- Around 70 County Festivals of Sport are taking place during the summer;
- An exchange of young athletes with Brazil will take place again in 2013;
- In September, Sheffield will welcome a mixed team of both able-bodied and disabled Brazilian athletes to compete alongside elite, young athletes at the School Games National Finals. In return, the UK will send a team of some of the best, young disabled athletes to compete at Brazil's School Paralympic-style Games in November, providing them with valuable experience in competing against high-class international competition at a major sporting event.

PE/School Sport

- On 16 March 2013, a new school sport premium has been announced by the Prime Minister. £150 million a year will go directly to primary school head teachers to improve the quality of PE and sport available for all their pupils. This will complement the £1 billion already being invested into youth and community sport.

Disability Sport Legacy

- Sport England has just announced funding of £1,984,203 for the English Federation of Disability Sport for 2013-15. This will provide more opportunities for disabled people to take part in sport and deliver programmes to meet the needs of disabled people.

Elite Funding

- UK Sport has recently agreed the medal targets for summer Olympic and Paralympic sports for their targeted competition events in 2013.
- In June, UK Sport will publish these agreed medal targets as they are used to track progress towards success in Rio in 2016.

World Class Facilities

- Good progress is being made on the transformation of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. In preparation for the re-opening in July 2013, all eight of the Park venues, including the five sporting venues, now have operators in place.
- East Village (previously the Athletes Village) will be London's newest neighbourhood; it will provide 2,800 new homes for Londoners from 2014 including free schooling for all ages at Chobham Academy and an advanced medical clinic. Delancey and Qatari Diar have invested £557m in the Athletes' Village, and will provide the long-term management of the site. The joint venture will work alongside Triathlon Homes who have invested £268m in this project to date, and will manage the affordable housing in the Village.

Major Sports Events

Since January 2013, the UK has successfully delivered three major events:

- All England Badminton Champs;
- BMX Supercross World Cup;



- FINA Diving World Series.

The UK has also won the right to host the following major sports events:

- IPC Para Athletics Grand Prix Final 2013;
- UCI Track World Cup 2013;
- FIH Hockey World League 2013;
- The Tour de France Grand Depart 2014.

The UK is currently bidding to host more events including:

- the Track Cycling World Championships (2016);
- the European Judo Championships (2015);
- The Rowing World Cup (2015);
- the World Figure Skating Championships (2016);
- the Youth Olympic Games (2018).

International Development

- In February, Lord Coe was appointed Chair of the International Inspiration Foundation (IIF);
- Following the creation of the new merged charity, the full Board of trustees was appointed including Katherine Grainger CBE; Terry Miller and the Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell;
- As of March 2013, the charity International Inspiration's programme has contributed to or influenced 40 sports or education policies in partner countries, helping to promote sustainable change in these countries' sports systems.