

ENGLAND COUNCIL (EC) MEETING OUTCOMES

Wednesday 4th February
Durham and via Teams

Present:

Matthew Dalton, Chair, (East)
Lynn Cooper, (North East)
Paul D’Arcy, (South West), via Teams
Neil Dawson, (East Midlands)
James de Vivenot, (South East), via Teams
Ian Martin, (Yorks & Humberside), via Teams
Paul Miller, England Council Diversity Lead, via Teams
Stuart Paul, (West Midlands)
Gary Shaughnessy, Board Chair, via Teams
Jennifer Lovell, London

In attendance:

Sarah Benson, Talent & Performance Director, via Teams
Emma Davenport, Participation Director
Dan Isherwood, Operations Director, via Teams
Chris Jones, CEO
Kerry Jilks, England Council Secretary, via Teams

External attendees

Dean Hardman, (Item 11 only), via Teams

Apologies:

Adrian Day, London (Jennifer Lovell attended in AD’s absence)

Absent

Jon Clarke, (Northwest)

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Draft minutes of previous meeting

Resolved and Actions:

- EC agreed the November minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.

4. Actions / Matters arising

EC reviewed outstanding actions and those marked to be closed.

5. EC Chair’s report

The Chair highlighted some key points from his report.

6. Board Chair's report

GS updated EC on UKA Including Power of 10. There was concern amongst the group around the delivery and current problems. DI confirmed that EA was hoping to be invited to be part of a working group.

7. Dashboard and CEO Report

CJ updated EC on some main points within his paper including the positive financial position. Work continues around the coach/official education pathway. In addition to age group changes taking place this year, EA will also be carrying out reviews around participation and facilities. He was pleased to report that nearly all affiliated clubs had achieved all 7 of our club welfare and safety standards.

As several regional council chairs are due to step down at the end of their terms in 2027, CJ stressed the importance of succession planning.

8. Draft Operational Plan & Budget

DI presented the Operational Plan and Budget and summarised the key areas for investment which include club engagement, coach/official development, digital systems, youth competition and the age group changes.

9. Officials Technology

DI and ED updated EC on the digital work that was taking place which will : streamline the system for officials and automate experience logging.

10. Finance update – verbal

DI updated EC on the positive financial position for Q3.

Dean Hardman joined the meeting.

11a.Track and Field Review

DH updated EC on the recent webinar with Steve Cram, and the London session are resulting in a lot of positive feedback. Next steps include the creation of an Action Group, development of pilot phase (with involvement from regional councils).

Resolved and Actions:

- 1. EC supported the holistic Vision .**

11.b. Age Group Update

DH reported that the new Rule Book had been drafted and should be finalised by the end of February. Quick-reference Z-cards being designed for officials and organisers. He provided further updates relating to Combined Events and Off-Track.

EA has written to English Schools AA expressing concern about misalignment for throws with the new age groups. Licensing implications are under review.

Dean Hardman left the meeting.

12. England Council Periodic Evaluation

EC reviewed the outcomes from the recent biennial internal evaluation.

13. Skills Matrices

EC reviewed the skills matrices, and some suggestions were made for additional categories, and these will be considered at the next review.