

## Report to Task and Finish Review on The 2012 Games – Is Buckinghamshire Ready?

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### Background

#### 1 Venue & Timescales

Buckinghamshire is a host county for the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. The Rowing, Sprint-Canoeing and Adaptive Rowing competitions will be taking place at the Eton College Rowing Centre at Dorney Lake (Eton Dorney) between July 28<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August for the Olympic Games and August 31<sup>st</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Paralympic Games.

The Eton Dorney venue is located in the South Bucks District of Buckinghamshire but is closely bounded by the neighbouring authorities of Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Slough Borough who are both working closely with the Bucks authorities in preparing for the Games.

The Olympic Rowing Competition will be taking place in the first week of the Olympic Games between July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> and will be watched by up to 30,000 spectators each day. The Olympic Canoe-Sprint competitions will be taking place between 6<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> August and will be watched by up to 20,000 spectators. For the Olympic Games competitions spectators will be using up to 5 Park and Ride sites taking spectators to a central transport hub at Windsor Racecourse where they will access the venue via a temporary bridge spanning the River Thames. A second smaller spectator entrance for local residents and for walkers and cyclists will be available to the north of the venue but will not be nationally advertised.

For the Paralympic Adaptive Rowing Competition it is expected that spectator numbers will be in the region of 10,000 and will access the venue via the northern entrance with a main transport hub being adjacent to the main venue entrance in Dorney in an area known locally as "Big Meadow".



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A transport map of the Eton Dorney area is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

The majority of Olympic & Paralympic athletes competing at Eton Dorney will be staying the Royal Holloway College at Egham in Surrey and will use the Olympic Route Network to access the venue on a daily basis. All members of the Olympic Family including the athletes and accredited officials will access the venue via the main entrance in Dorney.

For all days of competition, the sporting schedule will commence at 9.30a.m. and will continue up to 2p.m., LOCOG (The London Organising Committee for the London 2012 Games) intended to provide a range of spectator services after the finish of sporting competition to ease spectator egress.

LOCOG have defined the London 2012 Games Time Period as running between May 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 which marks the start of the Olympic Torch Relay until September 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 which is the Closing Ceremony of the Paralympic Games.

It is expected that Buckinghamshire will feature as part of the Olympic Torch Relay as part of its 70 day tour of the UK and as part of the Paralympic Torch Relay which will run for 6 days ahead of the Paralympic Games in August 2012.

## **2 Host Authority Commitments & Responsibilities**

As host authority, Buckinghamshire County Council have given a commitment to both Central Government and LOCOG (the London Organising Committee for the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games) to support the safe, secure and successful games. This commitment is being delivered primarily through the work of the Nationwide Operations and Safety Advisory Groups for the Eton Dorney Venue.

### **a Nationwide Operations**

The Nationwide Operations Group which is responsible for the delivery of local services outside of the venue perimeter is Chaired by Ian Barham, the Buckinghamshire London 2012 Manager. The group includes representation from officers from Bucks CC, South Bucks DC, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and Slough BC as well as representatives from Thames Valley Police and other Blue Light Services, the South East Healthcare Trust, the Environment Agency, Windsor Racecourse as well as key representatives from the LOCOG Venue and Transport Teams, the South East Partnership for the London 2012 Games and from the Government Olympic Executive who operate out of the Department of Culture Media & Sport.

The Terms of Reference for the Eton Dorney Nationwide Operations Group were agreed in January 2010 and are listed below:-

#### **Objective**

To support LOCOG in hosting inspirational, safe and inclusive Olympic and Paralympic Competitions at the Eton Dorney competition venue, leaving a sustainable legacy for both the UK and local communities .

## **Aims**

- Ensure everyone visiting, living and working in the locality of Eton Dorney, is safe, well informed and given the opportunity to get involved
- Showcase the Eton Dorney area as an outstanding place to visit, learn and to do business
- Develop a safe, efficient and mutually supportive approach to operational delivery
- Keep the Eton Dorney area working and moving during the Games
- To provide a forum to identify and highlight to LOCOG and the Government Olympic Executive resource or financial implications associated with the delivery of the above
- To provide a forum for key regional partners on games time activities.

## **Guiding Principles**

- Ensure operational readiness at Games-time
- Build on existing expertise, working practices and working relationships & strengthen links between all local authorities covering the Eton Dorney locality
- Provide consistency with local and regional objectives & provide forum to learn from other host venues and authorities
- Seek to identify and realise any legacy opportunities from Games time operational solutions where appropriate

## **Programme Scope**

### *Business or Public Services*

- Resilience and continuity planning
- Waste management and street cleaning
- Licensing – alcohol/entertainment etc
- 2012 Advertising and Street Trading regs
- Planning/permissions (including mgmt of construction/utility works that may affect road/pedestrian access on key routes)
- Health & Safety (e.g. food safety)

### *Visitor Experience and events*

- Street dressing or 'Look'
- Host area volunteer scheme
- Accessibility
- Information
- Non-Accredited Media services
- Co-ordination of event programming
- Cultural Olympiad
- Live Sites

### *Games Operations*

- Command & control structures
- Data planning/modelling
- Integrated testing
- VIP/protocol management
- Games time contingency and continuity planning

The Nationwide Operations Group are supported by a series of sub-groups covering transportation, communications, environmental services, resilience and visitor services issues. An organogram showing the network of these groups is attached as Appendix 2.

The chair of the Nationwide Operations Group meets regularly with the Government Olympic Executive and the Chairs of the other non-London host venues to support this operational planning.

## **b Safety Advisory Group**

The Eton Dorney Safety Advisory Group (SAG), which is Chaired by Andy Fyfe the Bucks County Council Resilience Manager, supports the LOCOG Venue Manager in the delivery of the on-site spectator and athlete safety management preparations under Section 10 of the Safety at Sports Ground (1975) Act.

The SAG will focus on the geographic area of:

- the curtilage of the Dorney Lake venue including the canoe training area on the River Thames and the area of the PSAs over the River Thames and into the venue proper,
- the Windsor race course transport hub, and
- the “Big Meadow” transport hub.

## **3 Buckinghamshire London 2012 Legacy Programme**

### **Buckinghamshire London 2012 Partnership**

The cross authority Buckinghamshire London 2012 Partnership has been established since February 2006 under the Chairmanship of local business leader and Olympic Gold Medallist Adrian Moorhouse and since 2008 under the management of Ian Barham.

Working towards an agreed legacy plan covering business, social and sporting ambitions the Partnership have achieved many notable successes including the awarding of significant business contracts to Buckinghamshire based companies, the attraction of a growing number of international competitors to train and prepare within our county and multi million pound investment into access and transport infrastructure. In addition the partnership has developed and supported a wide range of Inspire Mark winning sports participation, education and volunteering legacy projects. With the exception of the community celebrations assessment, the work of this Partnership and the wider legacy programme for Buckinghamshire is outside of the scope of this review.

## **4 Summary**

This review will help ensure that Buckinghamshire County Council delivers its host authority commitments, is active participants in the Nationwide Operations & Safety Advisory processes and is allocating sufficient resources to deliver these commitments.

## **5 Resource implications**

Since 2008 Buckinghamshire County Council has contributed £20k per annum to the work of the Buckinghamshire London 2012 Partnership. This funding has been used to support the salary costs of the Buckinghamshire Manager for the London 2012 Games. This role is also supported by the 4 district councils, the Bucks & Milton Keynes County Sport Partnership and Adrian Moorhouse’s company Lane 4.

More recently, additional funding has been secured from Bucks Business First to support a London 2012 Business Engagement programme and from the Olympic Delivery Authority for a Community Transport Engagement Officer for the Eton Dorney area.

Operational Funding has been provided by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), The London Organising Committee for the London 2012 Games (LOCOG), and the Government Olympic Executive (GOE) to cover the additional operational costs associated with the Transportation, Trading Standards and Look Elements of the Nationwide Operations Programme.

A number of Bucks County Council Services including Resilience, Transportation, Trading Standards and Communications are also further supporting the Nationwide Operations programme through existing staffing resources.

## **6 Next Steps**

The Nationwide Operations group have established a critical time plan for Games Time operations.

The Key dates within this programme are:-

### **2011**

Sept	Eton Dorney Bridge Crossing Works Commence
September 1-4	Canoe Sprint Test Event
Sept 21-23	Emergency Planning Command Post Exercise
Oct	Perimeter Fencing & Overlay Construction Commences
Oct 31	Look Items Order Placed
November	Emergency Planning Command Post Exercise
December	Transport Engagement Programme Concluded

### **2012**

March	Perimeter Fencing & Temporary Overlay Complete
May	Look Items Installed
May 18th	Olympic Torch Relay Commences
June	Eton Dorney Venue Closes to Public Access
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Holloway College Opens for Athlete Access
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Games Opening Ceremony
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Rowing Competition Commences at Eton Dorney
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Paralympic Torch Relay Commences
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Paralympic Opening Ceremony
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Paralympic Rowing Commences at Eton Dorney
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Paralympic Closing Ceremony
Sept	Perimeter Fencing & Temporary Overlay Removal Commences