

Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting		
Date:	Monday 30 th September 2019	
Venue and time:	Keyworth Events Lecture Theatre, Keyworth Building, London South Bank University, Keyworth Street, SE1 6NG	

Item	Minutes	Action
	FOOTBALL MATTERS (protected first hour of business)	
1	Welcome & Introductions	
1.1	Sir Simon Hughes, Senior Independent Director of the London FA, opened the meeting and introduced the agenda for the evening.	
1.2	Simon explained that he was chairing the meeting at short notice on behalf of James Middlehurst (London FA Chair), whose wife had been taken ill late last week.	
1.3	Simon welcomed the 16 new London FA Council members, reading out a short summary of their background and involvement in grassroots football and introducing them to the rest of the London FA Council.	
2.	Local Football Facility Plans - presentation	
2.1	Murray Fishlock, London Engagement Manager for the Football Foundation, gave a presentation on Local Football Facility Plans (LFFPs) and how the Football Foundation and the London FA have been working together to improve the quantity and quality of football facilities in London.	Slides to be circulated with the minutes
3.	Influencing London Government Policy – presentation	
3.1	Paul Noblet, Head of Media & Public Affairs for the charity Centrepont, gave a presentation on how, ahead of the London Assembly and Mayoral elections next May (2020), London FA Council members can inform and influence candidates about key issues facing grassroots football.	Slides and manifesto example to be circulated with the minutes
4	Group discussion & feedback	
4.1	Council members were split into four groups, led by a London FA staff member, and asked to provide feedback on the following three questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you aware of specific pitches in your area that would benefit from the Pitch Improvement Programme? 	Feedback from groups collected by LFA and fed into specific programmes (e.g. Pitch Improvement Programme)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How can we better promote the Local Football Facility Plans across London? 3. What key issues do you want to highlight to candidates standing for the London Assembly (90 second pitch)? 	
5	London FA Strategy 2019 – 2024 Update	
5.1	<p>CEO, Paul Bickerton, presented an update on the new London FA Strategy, following the consultation process over the summer. Paul explained that the strategy was due to be signed off by the London FA Board on 18th November 2019, and so there was still a final opportunity for Council members to feed into this document.</p> <p>COUNCIL BUSINESS</p>	Council members to send final comments to CEO by 25 th October 2019
6	Apologies	
6.1	<p>Bill Neicho, David Lando, Russell Howes, David Wolff, Eddie Webb, Martynas Stonkus, Ian Burke, Colin Wheeler, Emily Hill, Alan Clarke, Graham Taylor, Nahimul Islam, Kirstin Furber, Tony Sharples, John Taylor, Tony Gilbey, George Dorling, Graham Etchell, Clive Coleman, Dave Hooker, Lib Di Cesare, Alex Sanchez-Buitrago, Clive Coleman, Atik Ahmed, Paul Mortimer, Harry Whipple, Yashmin Harun</p>	
7	To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th June 2019	
7.1	Received and approved	
8	London FA Council Reports	
8.1	<p>The following reports were given to LFA Council and members were offered the opportunity to ask questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair report (written) 2. FA representative report (written) 3. Divisional Chair reports (verbal) 4. Standing Committee reports (written) 5. Health & Wellbeing Officer Report (verbal) 	
8.2	<p>Simon drew attention to the FA Representative Report and wanted the Council to note that George Dorling, the London FA's representative to The FA, had recently been elected to the FA's National Game Board (NGB). This is a very prominent position and is the first time any London FA representative has been elected a member of the NGB. The Council recorded their congratulations by offering a round of applause.</p>	
8.3	<p>Kevin Wilmot indicated that a challenge when setting dates for Divisional Committee meetings was not clashing with the Board, Council or other Committee dates. He proposed that the calendar circulated with the papers be placed on the website as a live document, so that members could refer to it when setting future meeting dates</p>	LFA calendar to be added to Council page on the website

8.4	Graham Rodber asked whether the new London FA Council members would be introduced to the divisions, as the South West division had been short of a number of members for a while. Kevin Wilmot proposed inviting the divisional chairs to the Induction evening on 23 rd October. Paul Bickerton confirmed he would invite the divisional chairs to that evening and place that item onto the agenda	CEO to invite divisional chairs to induction evening and place item on agenda for discussion
8.5	Michael Burke, the LFA Council's Wellbeing Officer, updated the Council on members who are currently unwell. He proposed a minute's silence for the recent passing of Vice-President Peter Amos, which was duly observed.	
8.6	Lockie Bramzell asked if the London FA's historical records had been preserved. Paul Bickerton replied that all records are held in the storeroom at the back of the office and if Council members wish to retrieve any specific records, they can inform the office and this will be followed up.	
9	Nomination for London FA Vice-President: Roger Fox	
9.1	Ian Wallis proposed Roger Fox to be nominated by the London FA Council to the AGM in June 2020 as a London FA Vice-President	
9.2	Seconded by Ian Yearwood	
9.3	Proposal carried unanimously	
10	Dates of future Council meetings	
10.1	Monday 9 th December 2019 at London South Bank University, to include festive drinks	
10.2	2020 dates are: Council meeting: Monday 30 th March 2020, 7pm to 9pm, venue tbc AGM: Monday 29 th June 2020, 7pm to 9pm, venue tbc	
11	Any other business	
11.1	Paul Bickerton informed Council members that the new London FA Handbook 2019-20 was now available online and hard copies would be posted out to them. Updated ID cards for all Council members would also be produced and a member of London FA staff would be in touch with those Council members who have not provided a photograph.	