

Sport and recreation

Introduction

The Sports Council for Wales (SCW) is the principal agency for implementing the Welsh Assembly Government's policy for sport and physical activity in Wales and is the main delivery agent for the distribution of the Welsh Assembly Government's investment programmes. The Sports Council is issued with a Remit Letterⁱ annually as a key part of the Assembly Government's sponsorship arrangements.

Overview of current statutory powers of the Assembly

"Sport and recreation" is Field 16 of Schedule 5 of the *Government of Wales Act 2006*. This means that the National Assembly for Wales can seek Measure-making powers over sport and recreation matters through Legislative Competence Orders.

The following secondary legislation responsibilities of the Second Assembly will transfer to Welsh Ministers in the Third Assembly:

- ◆ All activities of the Sports Council for Wales
- ◆ Funding of sporting activities

Forthcoming EU and UK primary legislation

- ◆ Gambling Act 2005 – Various DCMS Consultationsⁱⁱ
- ◆ Sports Ground Safety Legislation – DCMS Consultation ended 13 April 2007ⁱⁱⁱ

EU policy

- ◆ The White Paper on Sport will examine the role sport plays in Europe in social and economic terms, its potential to contribute to the Commission's objectives, and the difficulties currently facing sport in Europe. The white paper is expected in June 2007.

Legacy issues from the Second Assembly

The Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee's legacy paper^{iv} highlighted the following sport and recreation issues for the attention of the Third Assembly:

- ◆ To review the progress of the Committee's recommendations arising from its review of football.
- ◆ The cost of delivering the 5x60 programme and out of school activity including Active Communities.
- ◆ Continuing support for PE in schools.
- ◆ Continuing support for the Commonwealth Games.
- ◆ Disability sport.
- ◆ Lottery funds which might be partly diverted to support the 2012 Olympics.

