

# Subject: Work programme 2007/08

Report Number: 8

**Report to: Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee**

**Date: 12 November 2007**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

## 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To note progress on the work programme for 2007/2008.
- 1.2 To agree that the Chair writes to the Mayor in response to his action plan to increase disabled people's participation in sport, *Inclusive and Active*.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed revised proposals for its work programme for 2007/08 on 19 June 2007. The updated work programme is shown at paragraph 4.2.

## 3. Issues for consideration

### West End Theatres rapporteurship

- 3.1 Since September when the Committee last considered a report on its work programme, BMAC has approved the proposed rapporteurship by Bob Blackman AM into West End Theatres. Work has now started on this rapporteurship and the rapporteur's report is due to be submitted, for formal agreement, to the Committee's meeting on 6 February 2008.

### Mayor's response to Committee's report *London Olympic and Paralympic Games: a sporting legacy for people with disabilities*

- 3.2 Since September when the Committee last considered a report on its work programme, the Mayor has published an action plan designed to increase disabled people's participation in sport, *Inclusive and Active*. This provides a response to the Committee's report *London Olympic and Paralympic Games: a sporting legacy for people with disabilities*.
- 3.3 The action plan, available at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/equalities/inclusive-active/index.jsp>, refers to the Committee's report identifying significant weaknesses in the provision of sport for disabled people in London and highlighting a serious concern that disabled people will not reap the benefits of the London 2012 Games legacy unless action is taken now.

3.4 The action plan, which sets out an overall aim of a one per cent increase in regular participation by disabled people in sport and physical activity each year for the next five years, includes a number of actions that relate to the Committee’s recommendations. The table below shows the Committee’s recommendations and the relevant actions from the action plan.

Committee’s recommendations	Relevant actions from Inclusive and Active
<p>1. Boroughs should be encouraged to do more to help people with disabilities participate in sport and to share best practice across London. The Audit Commission should revise the Comprehensive Performance Assessment to include a measurement of actual sports participation over time among people with disabilities. London’s councils should also consider including targets on sports participation in their local area agreements.</p>	<p>Action 6.5 asks every London borough to sign up to helping deliver the Inclusive and Active vision and actions, and to five additional commitments.</p>
<p>2. Teachers must be better equipped to teach physical education to children with special needs. We also need to know how much high quality physical education children in all schools are receiving every week. Specifically, all teachers, whether they work in the special or mainstream sectors, should be required to undergo training in how to teach physical education to children with special needs. The Department for Education and Skills should, as soon as possible, publish data on the amount of high quality physical education received by pupils in all schools.</p>	<p>Action 5.3 is to train more teachers to deliver high-quality physical education and school sport to disabled pupils and students in both special and mainstream schools; and 5.4 is to review teacher training and qualifications provided by Higher Education establishments in London and those delivered through both Higher Education organisations and training companies as part of the Continuing Professional Development of Teachers.</p>
<p>3. Funding should only be made available to sports clubs that have achieved, or are working towards, accreditation for the service they provide to people with disabilities. Specifically, Sport England should restrict its funding to facilities that have been awarded, or are working towards, inclusiveness accreditation. The scheme should be publicised through links from the websites of Sport England, the London Sports Forum for Disabled People and London’s councils<sup>1</sup>.</p>	<p>Actions 2.2 and 2.3 are about increasing the number of facilities fully accessible and inclusive to disabled people and to increase the number of health and fitness centres across London that have obtained the inclusive fitness mark.</p>
<p>4. Transport for London should set up a travel hotline to help callers with disabilities plan their journey. The line should be staffed by specially trained operators who can advise on journeys across an integrated network of door-to-door, community and accessible public transport. Transport for London should update the Assembly within the next three months on progress.</p>	<p>No directly related actions. However, part of Action 3.5 is to include key actions in transport plans in every London borough to improve access to sport for disabled people.</p>
<p>5. There should be a one stop shop website for information on opportunities for sportspeople with disabilities. The Mayor should take a lead within the Sport in London Working Group – the body established</p>	<p>Action 3.1 is to develop an <i>Inclusive and Active</i> web portal. Action 3.2 is to target information about sport and physical activity and the <i>Inclusive and Active</i> web</p>

<sup>1</sup> One London did not support this recommendation

to develop a sporting legacy for London - on developing proposals with Sport England for a single point of information on opportunities and support available for London's Paralympic champions of the future.	portal to the parents, carers and professionals who work with and support disabled people.
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3.5 It is proposed that the Chair write to the Mayor in response to the action plan, commenting on the extent to which the Committee's recommendations have been taken up.

3.6 The Committee may also want to consider further work on disabled people's participation in sport when considering its work programme continuity report at the meeting on 6 February 2008.

#### 4. 2007/08 meetings calendar

4.1 The annual meeting of the Assembly on 9 May 2007 approved the Committee's timetable for 2007/2008. Members have agreed to hold an additional meeting on 12 November 2007. Meeting dates for this Committee are as follows:

- Tuesday 19 June 2007 at 10am
- Tuesday 4 September 2007 at 10am
- Tuesday 16 October 2007 at 1.30pm
- Monday 12 November 2007 at 2pm
- 4 December 2007 at 10am
- Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 10am
- Wednesday 6 February 2008 at 10am.

4.2 The business anticipated at this stage for each future meeting is set out below:

Date	Topic
12 November 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hearing on draft London Skills and Employment Strategy</b></li> <li>• LDA funding of cultural projects – approval of report</li> <li>• Written update from the LDA on Olympic skills and employment legacy</li> </ul>
4 December 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lottery funding – hearing</b></li> <li>• The Business of the Games – possible update on developments since the Committee's report on Olympic opportunities for small businesses</li> </ul>
15 January 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultural Olympiad</b> – briefing by Bill Morris, Culture, Ceremonies and Education Director of London 2012</li> <li>• <b>Security of the Olympic and Paralympic Games</b> - briefing by Assistant Commissioner Tarique Ghaffur, Metropolitan Police</li> </ul>
6 February 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Briefing – topic to be determined</b></li> <li>• Markets – approval of report</li> <li>• West End Theatres – approval of rapporteur's report</li> <li>• Committee work programme – continuity paper</li> <li>• Written update from LDA on Olympic skills and employment legacy</li> <li>• Follow-up on LDA funding of cultural projects</li> </ul>
Date considered by BMAC	<b>Rapporteurship:</b>

Date	Topic
	<b>West End theatres</b> , lead Member: Bob Blackman – 11 September

## Flexibility

- 4.3 In the past the Committee has wished to be flexible and respond to topical events. From time to time the work programme may need to be adjusted if topical events arise so that the Committee can deal with them in a timely way.

## 5. Strategy implications

- 5.1 This report relates to the Committee's programme of meetings and inquiries, some of which may be relevant to the Mayor's strategies and will assist the Assembly in fulfilling its wider role of investigating issues affecting Londoners.

## 6. Legal implications

- 6.1 Under s59 Greater London Authority Act 1999 the Assembly has the power to keep under review the exercise by the Mayor of his statutory functions. The powers of the Assembly include the power to investigate and prepare reports about:
- any actions and decisions of the Mayor;
  - any actions and decisions of any member of staff of the Authority;
  - matters relating to the principal purposes of the Authority;
  - matters in relation to which statutory functions are exercisable by the Mayor; and
  - any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to Greater London.
- 6.2 Section 54(1) GLA Act enables the Assembly to arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by a committee or sub-committee of the Assembly or by a single member of the Assembly.

## 7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no direct GLA financial implications arising from this report. Financial implications for individual programme of work in 2007-08 to be dealt with separately in the relevant report to the committee.

Background Papers: None

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## Progress Against Agreed Work Programme 2007/2008

## Scrutiny Topics

Topic	Date of Scrutiny Hearing	Launch of report	Final Report to Committee
LDA cultural grants	17 April 2007 19 June 2007	October/November 2007	12 November 2007
London's markets	16 October 2007	January 2008	6 February 2008
Lottery funding	4 December 2007	February 2008	March 2008 (on the rising of Assembly on 5 March or MQT on 12 March)
Rapporteurship: West End Theatres		TBC	6 February 2008
Rapporteurship: City competitiveness		TBC	TBC