

Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting	
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Venue and time:</b>	18:30 – 20:30 Meeting conducted virtually (via Microsoft Teams)
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Abu Nasir, Alejandro-Sanchez-Buitrago, Alex Turnbull, Alf Brown, Anita Poulman, Atik Ahmed, Aroz Mia, Bobby Bernini, Chris Conroy, Colin Reid, David Lando, David Wolff, Drew Patterson, Estelle Handy, Estella Dawson, Esther Elias, Jordan Sapler, Farooq Mohammed, Graham Etchell, Duncan Hart, Russell Howes, Ian Wallis, Michael Burke, Ian Yearwood, James Middlehurst (Chair), Jenn Athill, Jill Berry, Jo Hind, John McCulloch, Josh Pear, Kevin Wilmot, Lib Di Cesare, Lockie Bramzell, Martynas Stonkus, Yashmin Harun, Nina Stewart, Oren Flynn, Roger Fox, Serkan Poyraz, Tom Barnard, Tony Sharples</p> <p><i>London FA Staff:</i> Paul Bickerton, Amanda Lewis, Aquila Burgess, Jemma Fairey, Nayim Ahmed, Neil Twitchett, Priti Trivedi</p> <p><i>Guest Speakers:</i> Kay Cossington (The FA); Ali Speechley (London FA Community Champion); Steph Fairbairn (London FA Community Champion)</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Eddie Webb, Alan Clarke, Louise Dorling, Graham Taylor, John Taylor



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Item	Minutes	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	James Middlehurst (JM), Chair of the London FA, opened the meeting and introduced the agenda for the evening. He wanted to welcome in particular the guest speakers for this evening – Kay Cossington, Women’s Technical Director at The FA; and Ali Speechley and Steph Fairbairn, London FA Community Champions.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	
2.1	Received and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Football Item: A View from the Inside - The FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023</b>	
3.1	Kay Cossington, Women’s Technical Director at The FA, delivered a presentation that relived her recent experiences over the summer with the Lionesses at the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023, as they reached a historic World Cup final.	
3.2	Several questions from Council members followed the presentation, to include:	
3.2.1	- England’s future prospects as a team and the impact this may have on the women & girls game in general.	
3.2.2	- The changes to coach education recently and the impact of this on the emerging female coaching workforce.	
3.2.3	- How to create the right culture and environment within a high performance club / team setting.	

<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.2.1</p> <p>4.2.2</p> <p>4.2.3</p> <p>4.3.4</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p><b>Football Item - A View from the Grassroots Game - Women &amp; Girls Football in London</b></p> <p>Ali Speechly &amp; Steph Fairbairn, London FA Community Champions and podcast hosts, delivered a presentation to explain the purpose of the Community Champion programme and described their own experiences supporting grassroots football in London.</p> <p>Several questions and reflections followed the presentation, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The challenges the Women &amp; Girls game faces in relation to facilities across London.</li> <li>- The wider barriers facing women &amp; girls to get into the game across London.</li> <li>- Should coaches be paid and the impact of this on the volunteer workforce.</li> <li>- The impact of the cost of living on grassroots football in London in general</li> </ul> <p>For those wanting more, you can subscribe to Ali and Steph’s football podcast, ‘Who’s Got The Balls’ <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Slides to be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p><b>London FA CEO Update</b></p> <p>London FA CEO, Paul Bickerton (PB), provided an update on the existing Board and Council appointment process for the 2024-2027 cycle, and the recent London FA reserves reinvestment plan.</p> <p>No queries were raised on the presentation.</p>	<p>Slides to be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p><b>London FA Council Reports</b></p> <p>The following reports were given to the London FA Council and members were offered the opportunity to ask questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair’s report (written)</li> <li>2. Standing Committee reports (written)</li> <li>3. FA Representative Report (written)</li> <li>4. Health &amp; Wellbeing Officer Report (oral)</li> </ol> <p>In his health &amp; wellbeing report, Michal Burke (MB) updated the Council on former Council Member Dave Hooker’s recent health issue and reported that he was on the road to recovery. The Council wanted to place on record it’s best wishes to Dave for a full recovery.</p> <p>PB reminded members that the Committee reports would not be circulated for the first meeting of the new Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, as the new Committees would not have been formed yet. All Committee appointments for the new Council will be made at the Board meeting in February 2024.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p><b>Date / Time / Place of 2022 Meetings</b></p> <p>The date for the final Council Meeting in 2023 had been set as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023</p> <p>PB confirmed that this meeting would take place face-to-face at the Keyworth Events Theatre, The Keyworth Building, London South Bank University (near Elephant &amp; Castle Tube Station). The meeting would comprise the elections for Council-elected</p>	<p>Agenda, papers and Council-Elected Director rules to be circulated to Council following 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 Board meeting.</p>

<b>8</b> 8.1	Directors followed by Christmas drinks at the Rockingham Arms, to allow the new London FA Council, Board and Staff to network and socialise together.  <b>Any Other Business</b>  None	
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