


Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting		 <b>LondonFA</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
<b>Venue and time:</b>	18:00 – 20:00 Meeting conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams	
<b>Number of attendees:</b>	44 (excl. London FA staff)	

Item	Minutes	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
1.1	James Middlehurst (JM), Chair of the London FA, opened the meeting and introduced the agenda for the evening.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	Beth Archer, Bill Neicho, Ruth Heppinstall, Drew Patterson, Yasmin Hussain, Graham Taylor	
<b>3.</b>	<b>To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>	
3.1	Received and approved	
3.2	Paul Bickerton (PB), London FA CEO, informed the Council that all Council ID cards had now been posted out to members directly	
3.3	JM informed the Council that the voting process for elections at the London FA AGM on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020 and the London FA Council meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 would be agreed by the London FA Board at its meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and an update on this would be provided to all members prior to the meetings.	Update to be provided to members prior to the meetings
<b>4.</b>	<b>CEO Update - presentation</b>	
4.1	Paul Bickerton presented an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>London FA's Restarting Grassroots Football Plan</li> <li>An update on the current staffing changes</li> <li>London FA's new Racial Equality Group</li> <li>An update on the Board &amp; Council appointment process</li> </ul>	Slides to be circulated with the minutes
<b>5</b>	<b>Managing Football Discipline in London</b>	
5.1	PB introduced Fraser Williamson (FA Senior Regional Discipline Manager), Isabella Borg (London FA Investigations Officer) and Carl Long (London FA Investigations Officer). They delivered a presentation on the following:	Slides to be circulated with the minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FA’s Serious Cases Pilot Scheme for the 2019-20 season</li> <li>• London FA statistics regarding managing serious cases</li> <li>• An insight into a specific serious case</li> <li>• How discrimination is managed as part of serious case investigations</li> </ul> <p>5.2 Several questions followed from members. The team confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone could report discipline concerns, not just the leagues. This should be done by emailing <a href="mailto:discipline@londonfa.com">discipline@londonfa.com</a> in the first instance, and</li> <li>- Referee education as part of the discipline process was very important and would continue to play an integral part in referee training.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Nominations and process for elections at London FA AGM</b></p> <p>6.1 Sir Simon Hughes (SH), Senior Independent Director, introduced and conducted the process for nominations by the Council ahead of the forthcoming AGM.</p> <p>6.2 <u>London FA President:</u> The London FA Council voted to nominate for election at the AGM David Richbell as London FA President (proposed by R.Fox and seconded by D.Wolff).</p> <p>6.3 <u>London FA Honorary Vice-Presidents:</u> The London FA Council voted to nominate for election at the AGM as London FA Honorary Vice-Presidents Ian Burke (proposed by G.Harknett and seconded by L.Dorling) and Tony Gilbey (proposed by I.Wallis and seconded by A.Sanchez-Buitrago).</p> <p>6.4 <u>London FA Life Vice-Presidents:</u> The London FA Council voted to nominate for election at the AGM each of the following ten members as Life Vice-Presidents of the London FA if the 2020 AGM agrees earlier in the meeting to create ten posts of Life Vice-President: Graham Etchell, Clive Coleman, David Wolff, Harry Whipple, Ian Yearwood, Tony Sharples, Roger Fox, John Taylor, George Dorling and Colin Wheeler. Clive Coleman and George Dorling stated that they would confirm before the AGM if they wished to remain as candidates to be Life Vice-Presidents.</p> <p>6.5 <u>London FA Vice-Presidents:</u> The London FA Council voted to nominate for election at the AGM each of the following ten members as Vice-Presidents of the London FA: Kevin Wilmot, Eddie Webb, Atik Ahmed, Alex Sanchez-Buitrago, Michael Burke, David Lando, Graham Harknett, Yashmin Harun, Drew Patterson and Ian Wallis. (it was noted that Roger Fox and John Taylor had also been nominated by Council for election to the AGM as Vice-Presidents of the London FA at previous Council meetings).</p> <p>6.6 SH reminded the London FA Council that should the changes to London FA Articles concerning Vice-Presidents be approved by members at the forthcoming AGM, then three of the ten Vice-President positions would be reserved for female candidates and three for male candidates. Any vacancies remaining after the AGM would be filled in accordance with agreed procedures at a later date.</p> <p><b>7. London FA Council Reports</b></p> <p>7.1 The following reports were given to the LFA Council and members were offered the opportunity to ask questions:</p>	<p>Confirmed nominations to be included as part of updated AGM paperwork and circulated to members</p>
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