


Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting		
Date:	Monday 26 th November 2018	
Venue and time:	Lewisham & Southwark College, 6.30pm	

Item	Area and Discussion	Action
1	Football Matters (protected first hour)	
1.1	Paul Bickerton, CEO, presented the London FA Annual Plan 2018-19	PB to circulate slides to LFA Council after the meeting
1.2	Query was raised regarding how progress against this this plan would be monitored. PB replied that a balanced scorecard was in development and when ready would be circulated to LFA Board and Council at each meeting.	PB to circulate with agenda and papers for next meeting
1.3	Query was raised about the strategy process being planned for 2019 and how Council would be involved in this. PB replied that Council input would be very important to the development of the strategy and built into the strategy planning process for 2019	PB to circulate strategy planning process with agenda and papers for next meeting
1.4	Becky Greaves, Head of Governance, presented an update on the new Safeguarding Operating Standard for 2018-19	
1.5	It was noted that a number of Council members had not yet completed the online training for Committee Members or signed the Code of Conduct.	BG to follow up with relevant individuals
1.6	BG informed Council members that a series of briefing documents would be prepared to inform Council members of the updated standards and circulated to LFA Council Members, to ensure they are kept up to date with the latest standards.	BG to circulate briefing documents to LFA Council members when ready
1.7	A query was raised about the visibility of Council members when at specific events. It was agreed that alongside the ID cards, which have now been received by all, the LFA should also provide Council members with lanyards	PB to ensure LFA branded lanyards are produced and distributed to Council members
1.8	LFA Board Member Louise Dorling gave a presentation on her experience of safeguarding as an LFA Board Director. She asked Council members to consider how best the LFA could raise awareness of safeguarding standards with the clubs and leagues in London and write their suggestions on post-it notes at the meeting.	LFA to collate feedback and feed into safeguarding plans for 2019

1.9	<p>A short discussion took place regarding future topics for Council meetings. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilities - Communication - Sin Bins - Coach & referee education - Current research LFA are conducting on young people and football 	
2	To receive apologies for absence	
2.1	Duncan Hart, Eddie Webb, Martynas Stonkus, Gabby Shirley, Ruth Holdaway, Kirstin Furber, Colin Wheeler, Daryl Ryan, Vivienne Aiyela	
3	Matters Arising	
3.1	The availability of London FA Handbook for the 2018-19 season was raised. PB confirmed that the online version of the handbook would be on the website by Tuesday 27 th November and that hard copies of the handbook would be circulated to LFA Council Members by post before Christmas.	PB to ensure hard copies of handbooks are posted to all Council members before Christmas
4	Reports	
4.1	The Acting Chair, Simon Hughes, gave a short verbal update report. This centred primarily on the appointment of the new independent LFA Chair, James Middlehurst, who had been approved by the LFA Board at the meeting on 19 th November 2019.	
4.2	James Middlehurst was presented to the LFA Council	
4.3	The FA Representative, George Dorling, gave a short verbal report. This centred on the topics covered at a recent FA Council meeting, to include the removal of the offer to purchase Wembley stadium, the new security measures being introduced at Wembley stadium, the possible impact of Brexit on both professional and grassroots players and the qualification of the England U21 for the Euro 2021 Championships	
5	London FA Governance	
5.1	The Acting Chair, Simon Hughes, gave a verbal report on the recent governance discussions between LFA representatives and the proposers of a motion to amend the LFA Articles in September 2018.	
5.2	It was reported to the LFA Council that a package of reforms had been agreed with the proposers to make a number of changes to existing LFA Articles of Association. This package had been approved by the LFA Board at the meeting on 19 th November 2018 and the Board had	PB to circulate the calling notice and papers for the EGM with three weeks'

<p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p>	<p>agreed to call an EGM for 19th December 2018 (later amended to 16th January 2019) to ask members to vote to approve the changes</p> <p>SH took Council members through each agreed change to the Articles and responded to any queries raised.</p> <p>The LFA Council was asked to indicate their support for the package of reforms and a vote was taken. A clear majority supported the proposal.</p>	<p>notice to all members</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p>Date / Time / Place of next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed in early 2019, with three meetings to take place in 2019 (March, June and September)</p>	<p>Dates communicated to LFA Council as soon as agreed by LFA Board</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	