


Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting		 <b>LondonFA</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	
<b>Venue and time:</b>	The Passmore Centre, London South Bank University, 12 Borough Road, SE1 0AN	
<b>Number of attendees:</b>	38 (not including LFA staff)	

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>FOOTBALL MATTERS (protected first hour of business)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
1.1	James Middlehurst, Chair of the London FA, opened the meeting and introduced the agenda for the evening.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>CEO Update - presentation</b>	
2.1	Paul Bickerton, London FA CEO, gave a presentation on the London FA's performance over the first half of the season. He referred to the new strategy and related balanced scorecard that was circulated to Council Members with the papers. This balanced scorecard provides both Board and Council members with a detailed progress report against the London FA's agreed KPIs.	Slides to be circulated with the minutes
<b>3.</b>	<b>Women &amp; Girls Football in London – interactive session</b>	
3.1	Paul Bickerton introduced Laura Foster – Women & Girls' Lead at London FA - who led an interactive session on the work being undertaken to grow women and girls' football in London.	
3.2	The Council members were split into three separate groups and circulated around three 'stations' based on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation programmes (Wildcats and Just Play), presented by Louise McGing and Aquila Burgess</li> <li>• Growing the league infrastructure, presented by Derek Harris and Amanda Lewis</li> <li>• 100 FC coaching programme, presented by Laura Foster and two coaches from the programme</li> </ul>	

	<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
4.1	Drew Patterson, Vivienne Aiyela, Louise Dorling, Alan Clarke, Colin Wheeler, Bruno Gaisie (now Marques), Tony Sharples, Clive Coleman, Karen Greene, Chris Conroy, Cliff Seeley, Harry Whipple, Roger Fox, Kirstin Furber, David Wolffe, Emily Hill, Graham Etchell, David Richbell, John Taylor, De Quincey Bailey, Michael Chard, Beth Archer, Jeff Pettitt, Yasmin Bonsu, Ian Yearwood, Bill Neicho, Jeff Burnige, Graham Taylor	
<b>5</b>	<b>To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	
5.1	Received and approved	
<b>6.</b>	<b>London FA Council Reports</b>	
6.1	The following reports were given to the LFA Council and members were offered the opportunity to ask questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair report (written)</li> <li>2. FA representative report (written)</li> <li>3. Divisional Chair reports (verbal)</li> <li>4. Standing Committee reports (written)</li> <li>5. Health &amp; Wellbeing Officer Report (verbal)</li> </ul>	
6.2	A query was raised enquiring why international clearance regulations wasn't in the County Cup Rules for the 2019-20 season. SH explained that the LFA would check this and if it is required then they would be included next season	
6.3	In his South East divisional report, Lester Newham raised the query about Council ID cards and when they would be renewed. PB responded that he would follow this up with the office	CEO to report back to Council at next meeting
6.4	In his South West divisional report Graham Rodber raised the point that he had several pitches across his league that needed serious attention and he wanted to draw attention to this in the upcoming Mayor's Office elections. The CEO responded that Graham should contact Neil Twitchett – Head of Delivery at London FA – for a full list of pitches on the Pitch Improvement Programme and should also provide any relevant information to the CEO and Chair, as they were meeting the Mayor's Office in early February 2020.	
6.5	A minute's silence was held for Lionel Seymour (Past President), Maurice Hales (Life Member) and Darryl Ryan (Life Member). The CEO informed Council that letters of condolence of behalf of the organisation had been sent to both Daphne Seymour and Jean Hayles	Funeral details for Darryl Ryan to be circulated by CEO once received

7	<b>London FA Governance Review Update</b>	
7.1	<p>Sir Simon Hughes, Senior Independent Director, took the Council through the governance paper that was circulated before the meeting. He focused on two key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The timelines for appointments to Board and Council in 2020</li> <li>• The items for discussion regarding future governance changes, as proposed by the London FA Board at their last meeting</li> </ul>	
7.2	<p>It was agreed that rather than discuss these items in detail in a full Council meeting at this stage, a small working group comprising of Board and Council members (likely no more than 6) would be convened early in the New Year, with a set of proposals to be put forwards to the Council at the March 2020 meeting</p>	
7.3	<p>Any Council member wishing to be part of this governance working group should email the CEO at <a href="mailto:Paul.Bickerton@londonfa.com">Paul.Bickerton@londonfa.com</a></p>	CEO to include a reminder of this request with the circulation of the minutes
8	<b>Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere</b>	
8.1	None	
9	<b>Topics and dates of future Council meetings</b>	
9.1	<p>Council meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7pm to 9pm, venue tbc  AGM: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 7pm to 9pm, venue tbc</p>	
9.2	September 2020 and December 2020 dates tbc	
9.3	All Council members with suggestions for topics at these meetings to email the CEO	
10	<b>The FA's 50 Year Long Service Award – George Dorling</b>	
10.1	<p>The Chair explained that George had asked that this award be presented privately but requested that the Council give George a round of applause in recognition</p>	
11	<b>AOB</b>	
11.1	Graham Rodber wanted to place on record his thanks to the London FA for their recent support of the Rainbow Laces campaign	
11.2	<p>Cyril Rebak raised a query regarding the Rules &amp; Sanctions Committee Report and whether the London FA Cup Rules 2019-20 had been formally approved. Simon Hughes confirmed that they had and agreed to address any specific concerns with Cyril after the meeting</p>	