

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 23 October 2012	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Southwark 2012: Evaluating the Project and Securing a Legacy from London 2012	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Veronica Ward, Culture, Sport, the Olympics and Regeneration (South)	

FOREWORD – COUNCILLOR VERONICA WARD, CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, SPORT, THE OLYMPICS AND REGENERATION (SOUTH)

We had a vision for Southwark 2012 and that was to maximise the unique opportunity we had with the London Olympics. We wanted to ensure that all our communities benefitted from the Games and enjoyed and experienced this once in a life time event. It was also an opportunity to promote Southwark as a Borough. It was indeed a memorable time - the unforgettable atmosphere of the Torch Relay, the enthusiasm of so many staff and residents, the excitement of ticket nomination and last minute tickets and the high numbers involved in the many events - for example an estimated 24,000 participation in activities for young people. This Report sets out as succinctly as it is possible to be when so much was going on, all the activities and outcomes and anticipated follow up which benefited and we hope will continue to benefit our communities.

We also aimed for a legacy. The £2m Capital Legacy Fund is the most tangible of these, providing new sporting facilities in Southwark which are now well under way. There is more to this legacy, some unexpected. It is the whole of the legacy that we have tried to capture in the evaluation paper. For example building on the health and well being message is very important and ensuring future sport provision for young people including those with disabilities. This is why we need an ongoing Legacy Board. We do not want to lose the really valuable work undertaken by the work streams. We do not want to let the Olympic opportunity just slip away now the excitement has died down.

The Olympic Delivery Board oversaw the work of five work streams: engaging young people, volunteering and employment, health and well-being, the Southwark experience - our culture projects - and operations and communications both essential to the success of the Olympic project. The operations workstream had practical work to do to secure our streets and thank you to the Head of Community Safety and his round the clock team for master minding this project with such enthusiasm. The engaging young people and health and well-being work streams want to continue to meet, so valuable has the work been to their own objectives and mainstream work. Volunteering has shone in 2012 and watching for the hoped for increase in volunteering in the Borough will be important. The well-being of the community is our goal and our Olympic work reflects this core objective of the council.

Huge thanks go to the many people who contributed to the success of Southwark 2012 - it has proved too many to mention everyone: to Tony Doyle and the Olympic Delivery Board including representation from Tate Modern, the Volunteer Centre and the Arts Forum and to Dame Tessa Jowell and regeneration partners on our Capital Legacy Board. Thanks also go to our PCT partners, to the events team,

communications team, sports development team, the youth service, to the operations team, community involvement and the 200 staff who acted as hosts and all the many volunteers who stewarded the torch relays. Thank you to all.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Cabinet note the Southwark 2012 evaluation report (Appendix A, available on the web site), agreed by the Olympic Delivery Board on the 27 September 2012.
2. That Cabinet thank the Olympic Delivery Board and all officers and partners for their efforts in delivering the Cabinet's London 2012 vision
3. That Cabinet agree to the creation of a new 'Legacy Board' to ensure that a lasting legacy from London 2012 is realised and felt by Southwark's residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. 'Southwark 2012' is the name given to the project that delivered the council's objectives in for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Several distinct work streams existed in the Southwark 2012 project structure.
5. The Olympic Delivery Board, created in 2010, was responsible for delivering the council's London 2012 vision.
6. The final meeting of the Olympic Delivery Board was on the 27 September 2012. The main purpose of this meeting was to agree the Southwark 2012 evaluation report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Southwark Council was committed to using London 2012 as an opportunity to create a true legacy for the communities and young people of Southwark. This is not just about sport, although the Council has committed significant sums to improving its own sporting facilities and through the Olympic Capital Legacy projects.
8. Our legacy proposals also cover engaging young people, building on the spirit of the games to encourage volunteering, and improving the health and well-being of our residents.
9. The Council has had two boards focusing on our Olympic projects. The first was the Olympic Delivery Board, whose work has now come to an end. The council also brought together partners in the Olympic Capital Legacy Board under the chairmanship of Cllr Peter John to assess and invest the Olympic Capital Legacy funds.
10. Now that the games are over, these two boards are recommended to be replaced by a new Legacy Board. The Legacy Board is recommended to oversee the realisation of the capital legacy programme and the mainstreaming of specific legacy projects and continue the significant relationships that have been created throughout the delivery programme.
11. This report therefore recommends the creation of the Legacy Board to oversee and monitor not only the Capital Legacy scheme, but to ensure that non capital-

benefits and gains are captured and secured as part of a true legacy for Southwark from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

12. A board chaired by Councillor Veronica Ward, the Cabinet Member for culture, sport, leisure and the Olympics and composed of Lead members and council officers will be suitable going forward. The board will however, continue to engage and work with partner organisations and voluntary sector bodies where necessary.

Policy implications

13. There are no policy implications resulting from this report.

Community impact statement

14. This report has no direct impact on the community.
15. Indirectly, approval of this report will work to further encourage the creation of a visible legacy in Southwark from which all Southwark communities will benefit.

Resource implications

16. The new 'legacy board' will be funded from existing resources.
17. There are no specific financial implications resulting from this report.

Legal implications

18. There are no specific legal implications resulting from this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark 2012 Olympic capital legacy fund - recommendations for a £2m package of investment in sport	Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure, Environment & Leisure. 160 Tooley St, SE12QH	Adrian Whittle 020 7525 1577

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Southwark 2012 Evaluation report (available on the council's web site)

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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