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## **John Brewer appointed as Sport England's London Regional Sports Board Chair**

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has appointed John Brewer as the new Sport England London Regional Sports Board Chair. John's term of appointment will be for three years from 29 October 2007 to 28 October 2010. The appointment was made on the recommendation of the Mayor of London following an open competition.

### **Biographical notes**

John Brewer is the Director of Sport with GlaxoSmithKline (Nutritionals). John previously sat on the Board for Sport England West Midlands Regional Sports Board (2002-2004). He was also Director of the Lilleshall Sports Injury and Human Performance Centre between 1992-2004 (at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre) and he also held the position of Head of Sports Science with the Football Association (1988-1993). Since 2005 John has been a member of UK Sport's Supplements Review Panel and of the Higher Education Funding Council for England's Research Assessment Exercise Panel for Sports Science. John has also completed the London Marathon on ten occasions.

### **Background**

The London Regional Sports Board covers the 32 London boroughs and the City of London and is one of nine Regional Sports Boards across England. The RSBs are sub-committees of the Sport England Main Board. These Boards were established to deliver on a strategy for the development of sport in each region and to achieve greater local decision-making over the allocation of funding, including the distribution of the Lottery Sports Fund within the regions.

Two of the nine Regional Sports Board Chairs also have a seat on Sport England's Main Board for a two-year period, and one acts as the Deputy Chair of the Board. Expressions of interest are sought from all of the regional Chairs each time a seat becomes available.

Since 1994, Sport England has invested some £2 billion into sport in England. Working both nationally and through its 9 Regional Sports Boards, it works closely with central and local Government, education and health professionals, the commercial and voluntary sectors, national governing bodies and other sports organisations. It shares best practice, sets standards, builds partnerships and promotes the benefits of sport, which include healthier living, social inclusion and crime prevention.

Under the GLA Bill DCMS will give to the Mayor of London the power to appoint the Chair and 4 members of the London Regional Sports Board. Work towards amending the Sport England Royal Charter, necessary to effect these changes, has begun. In the meantime, The DCMS has delegated the recruitment process to the Mayor of London, while DCMS Ministers retain the power of appointment.

The current remuneration for this post is £10,720 plus reasonable travel and subsistence expenses. John has declared no political activity undertaken during the last five years. The current Membership of the London Regional Sports Board is: Professor Sue Atkinson; Lyn Brown MP; Paula Craig; Andrée Deane; Mohni Gujral; Professor Steve Hodgkinson; Dr Colin King; Ros Potts; Rosi Prescott; Murad Qureshi, Alex Welsh and Derrick Anderson OBE