



# Meeting Summary

## 7<sup>th</sup> Olympic Board Meeting

3pm Wednesday 29 March 2006  
Meeting Room GCR1, DCMS Offices  
2 – 4 Cockspur Street  
London SW1Y 5DH

### *Procedural notes:*

- *The Mayor chaired the first part of the meeting.*
- *The Chairman and Chief Executive of the British Olympic Association attended the meeting through a conference call link from Beijing.*

The Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Olympic Board Meeting were agreed and programme progress discussed. It was noted that progress had been made in several areas, including:

- The Melbourne Commonwealth Games Observer Programme was underway;
- The final preparations were now being made for International Olympic Committee (IOC) Coordination Commission visit to London on 21- 22 April
- The technical specifications for the London Venue Requirements had been completed by the LOCOG and were available for iODA review
- The EDAW Consortium, Arup and Atkins had been appointed and preliminary briefings completed.
- The British Olympic Association were in the process of appointing a project manager to start London Olympic Institute planning and link in to requirements for main stadium
- The London Co-ordination Working Group had been established to co-ordinate delivery planning in London;
- The Inter-Departmental Group had met for the second time to co-ordinate delivery planning across the wider UK
- Joint DCMS/GLA mini steering groups were being established for strategic objective 3:

The proposed final version of the joint Stakeholder Olympic Programme Objectives was tabled and agreed by the Board. The four agreed strategic objectives were:

1. To stage an inspirational Olympic Games and Paralympic Games for the athletes, the Olympic Family and the viewing public.
2. To deliver the Olympic Park and all venues on time, within agreed budget and to specification, minimising the call on public funds and providing for a sustainable legacy.

3. To maximise the economic, social, health and environmental benefits of the Games for the UK particularly through regeneration and sustainable development in East London.
4. To achieve a sustained improvement in UK sport before, during and after the Games, in both elite performance – particularly in Olympic and Paralympic sports – and grassroots participation.

The Board was advised of the progress being made in establishing the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA). It was anticipated that Royal Assent to the Olympic Bill would be obtained by 1 April 2006 and the ODA established on the 6 April 2006. It was agreed that the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the Chief Executive of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) and the Chief Executive of the ODA would jointly settle arrangements for the register of LOCOG and ODA members' interests.

The Board was given a verbal update on the Aquatics Centre review which proposed design refinements and a revised timeline for development. The Board were assured that the post Games legacy was being fully considered in the proposed design changes and also that the proposed changes fully met the required standards for Olympic competition.

It was noted that a Gateway Review was scheduled to take place in April 2006.

The Board were given a verbal update on the progress of the ongoing options appraisal work.

A Board meeting would be arranged for Monday 24 April 2006, at City Hall. It was agreed that the Board would only convene if specific decisions were required.