The new mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has suspended work on Thomas Heatherwick's controversial Garden Bridge project over concerns that more public money will be required to complete the £175m project.

Khan – who took office in May – officially supports the plans to build the 367m long plant-filled bridge, but only if no more than the agreed £60m in public funding is made available to build it – and has now stepped in to halt works.

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Doctors ‘should prescribe’ physical activity

The prescription of physical activity by medical professionals and increased funding to support the inclusion of refugees are two of several recommendations made in a new grassroots sport report published by the European Commission this month.

Grassroots Sport – Shaping Europe was delivered by the Commission’s high level group – which contained EuropeActive president Sir Graham Watson – to commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics, to provide ideas on developing grassroots sport within wider life and “strengthen the network of sports clubs”.

Key recommendations included using grassroots sport to positively impact other areas of European society, such as health, social inclusion and the economy. Of the former, the report suggested that member states of the European Union (EU) should encourage medical professionals to prescribe physical activity “in place of, or in addition to” medication, while the EU should provide funding for sport and physical activity through its EU Health Funding Programme.

£9.4m Newark Centre opens

A new £9.4m leisure facility has been unveiled in Newark, replacing the ageing Grove Leisure Centre which was built in 1968. Newark and Sherwood District Council funded the project, which saw contractor R. G. Carter working to Watson Batty-designed plans to create Newark Sports and Fitness Centre.

The 4,260sq m (45,854sq ft) building includes a four-court sports hall, a 25m swimming pool and a 20m teaching pool, as well as squash courts and an 850sq m (9,149sq ft) fitness suite supplied by Life Fitness.

The new site is being operated by Newark and Sherwood District Council’s new leisure trust Active4Today, which is approved creation of in January 2015. Southwell Leisure Centre, the Dukeries in Ollerton and the Blidworth Community Leisure Centre are also being run by the not-for-profit company.

Architects Watson Batty designed the new centre

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Call for more cycling paths

British Cycling has called on the government to explore the possibility of opening up more public paths for use by cyclists to boost participation and help deliver on sport strategy outcomes.

Writing a letter to environment secretary Liz Truss and Welsh environment secretary Lesley Griffiths, the national governing body (NGB) said those cycling responsibly should have the same public access to the outdoor places enjoyed by walkers.

According to statistics referenced in the letter, people using bikes only have access to less than a third of the 140,000 miles of public paths in England and Wales and little access to Open Land Access and Coastal Access sites. British Cycling highlighted the Scottish Land Reform Act – which gives cyclists freedom to more paths north of the border – as “sustainable, manageable and highly beneficial to tourism, health and the economy”.

“We believe that a version of this responsible access model should be explored in England,” the letter to the ministers continued.

Elite talent ID scheme launched

UK Sport has launched what it has described as “the biggest multi-sport talent identification campaign in British history” in an attempt to fast-track aspiring athletes towards glory at Tokyo 2020 and beyond.

In partnership with the English Institute of Sport (EIS), the elite sports quango revealed #DiscoverYour Gold, which is targeting 15-24 year-old males and females with the talent and determination to succeed in more than 20 high-performance sports.

Identifying young athletes who have the potential to win medals at future Olympic Games is the ultimate goal.

The campaign has five strands, the first of which – #DiscoverYour Power – was launched in March to identify potential Olympians in the fields of cycling, skeleton and canoeing.

As reported by Leisure Opportunities in March, UK Sport will also seek out talent in martial arts such as judo, taekwondo and women’s boxing under its #DiscoverYour Fight strand, while the search for freestyle snowboarders and skiers will form #DiscoverYour Freestyle.

Those with the potential to be elite rowers and Paralympians will be able to prove their worth under the #DiscoverYour Giant and #DiscoverYour Para Potential strands respectively.

Details: http://lei.sr?l=a3h4d_O
Equality body Women in Sport has received backing from banking specialist Investec to compile and publish a report examining the role sport plays in progressing the careers of female professionals.

The Sport for Success investigation will look at the the skills and qualities women can develop playing sport which can lead to personal progression in the field of work. It will also try to discover what impact the increased effectiveness of female staff has on the workplace.

While the work is yet to be published, Women in Sport chief executive Ruth Holdaway said the research found that “a significant majority – 77 per cent – of women who are in management roles play sport”, while women who play sport are “more likely to be in those management roles in the first place”.

“This makes clear the importance of having a greater number of opportunities for girls to be active and play sport from a young age – schools, colleges and community groups should take note,” added Holdaway.

“We want to see every woman and girl across the UK gain the same benefits from sport that men do and with almost 1.7m fewer women than men playing sport every week, this research is yet another reason to be clear that until we close this gender gap we are doing a disservice to women, to society and to the success of our economy.”

The research follows on from Women in Sport’s From Barriers to Benefits report – commissioned in 2015 – which laid out the significant health and economic benefits of women participating in sport.

Badminton faces cuts in funding

Badminton England has lost 10 per cent of its Sport England funding after failing to achieve required participation figures for the 26+ demographic.

The national governing body (NGB) was informed of the decision in June and will now have £234,000 (US$303,349, €274,334) of its 2016 funding award decommitted by the grassroots sport quango. After making the commitment to engage with a certain number of 26+ year-olds over 2015/16, the organisation fell short resulting in Sport England’s decision.

The latest Active People Survey results revealed that Badminton England lost 28,300 overall participants between March 2015 and March 2016, with 421,600 active players registered.

Also under threat of losing funding is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) which has been told it will lose 20 per cent – £193,000 (US$250,198, €226,319) – of its 2016 award if it does not meet special conditions after it failed to meet the agreed participation figures for the key 14-25 year-old age category.

Leisure Opportunities understands that the RYA will present KPIs around awareness, connection, trial, outcomes and regularity of participation to Sport England before the funding body makes its decision next month.

Key to the RYA’s pitch will be its ‘Push the Boat Out’ initiative – which gives people the opportunity to try sailing out for the first time.

Everton gets £4m council loan for training ground

Everton Football Club has received a £4m (US$5.3m, €4.8m) cash injection from Liverpool City Council to make improvements to its training ground, including the development of a new show pitch.

Liverpool City Council purchased the Finch Farm training complex in 2013 and subsequently let the facility back to the Premier League football club on a 40-year lease, making a profit from the rental income. Now the local authority has earmarked the funds after Everton secured planning permission from Knowsley Council. As well as a show pitch with spectator seating the improvements will also include a new education hub, a new groundsman building and classroom space.

QPR plans housing project close to new stadium site

Championship football club Queens Park Rangers (QPR) has won planning permission to build a £175m (US$231.4m, €209.2m) mixed-use development on the site it has identified for a new stadium.

The football club and Genesis Housing Association have received the green-light from the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to establish 605 new homes – 40 per cent of which are being described as affordable – and commercial space.

While the Oaklands development does not include a new stadium, the move is a step towards winning planning permission for the ground which has proved elusive for QPR thus far. It had earmarked land in the area – owned by Cargiant – to build a stadium to replace its current Loftus Road home, although its acquisition has so far been problematic. The housing development will not be built on the same piece of land.

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The ukactive Kids board has produced a new long-term strategy to tackle youth inactivity – a growing issue described as “a ticking time-bomb for the NHS”. UKactive’s groundbreaking Generation Inactive report last year revealed that only half of seven-year-olds are meeting recommended physical activity guidelines of 60 minutes per day. The ukactive Kids board has now finalised its new strategy to get the nation’s children moving by engaging teachers, parents and policymakers to help deliver this mission.

The plan aims to support efforts to improve standards and regulation around quality assurance for children’s activity professionals, while developing and expanding relationships with Whitehall and government departments into specific projects. Driving for policy change will play an integral role.

Data capture and the use of research will also play a big part in the updated strategy – with the Board agreeing a blueprint which aligns research programmes and work with government to ensure that schools are recording and analysing data on activity trends in children.

The board, which now includes representation from headteachers in both primary and secondary education, approved the plan presented by ukactive research director Dr Steven Mann, who is the executive lead on the programme at ukactive. Former ukactive Kids’ chair Dean Horridge was reinstated in this role, while David Lloyd Leisure’s Group Family Manager Sinead Johnson has taken the position of vice chair.

As part of the new plan, ukactive Kids will be broadening membership benefits and also working with individual schools and parents groups to ensure that physical activity is working across all areas of society. Details: http://lei.sr?a=B9N2x_O

Cuts ‘hamper’ war on obesity

Local councils in England have warned that government cuts to public health funding could thwart efforts to tackle obesity. Newly published figures from the Local Government Association (LGA) show that councils expect to spend £127m on tackling obesity during the financial year 2016-17 – down from £140m spent in 2015-16.

The spending is used on providing leisure facilities, weight management services, exercise referral schemes and extending the offer for free or reduced-cost sport, such as swimming. The numbers also include the cost of running the government’s National Child Measurement Programme, which councils are responsible for.

Public health became the responsibility of local authorities in April 2013, when they took over the role from the NHS. Since the transfer of responsibilities, the LGA estimates that councils have spent £505m on tackling obesity in adults and children.

Izzi Seccombe, LGA’s community wellbeing portfolio holder, said: “The staggering amount of money councils are having to plough into obesity prevention work shows the sheer scale of the crisis we face. “We would like assurances from the government’s new administration that the long-awaited childhood obesity strategy is still on track and that it includes tough measures that will help to reverse the rise in costs and children becoming obese.”

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**David Lloyd lands exclusive deal with Spartan Race**

David Lloyd Leisure (DLL) has announced a new exclusive partnership with Reebok Spartan Race UK as the operator moves to gain a foothold in the burgeoning outdoor race market. DLL is offering Spartans the chance to shape up ahead of their gruelling obstacle race with a free 14-day trial at their local club.

Spartan-inspired group exercises have been devised to prepare and encourage them to take on one of the world’s toughest obstacle race courses.

Reebok Spartan Race UK has three options: a 5km ‘sprint’, a 13km ‘super’ and a 20km ‘beast’ course. 

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**Facebook launch for National Fitness Network**

A new fitness membership network for sector professionals to share ideas and benefit from trade discounts has launched via Facebook today.

The National Fitness Network is the brainchild of former club operator and LFX network founder Graeme Hinde, who has brought in fitness entrepreneur and The Apprentice star Katie Bulmer-Cooke, plus Burnley Leisure head of operations Neil Hutchinson to join him as directors for the new network. The trio aim to create a community of like-minded fitness professionals and enthusiasts who want to share ideas, as well as receive useful information and deals on trade supplies and training.

“For many years I have listened to industry colleagues talking about how we should pay our people more for the fantastic work they do on the front line, but things don’t seem to have improved,” said Hinde.

“I decided that it was time to give something back and so we are creating a fantastic range of exclusive member offers and discounts.” 

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**‘Get more gyms on the high street’**

The boss of the UK’s only listed gym chain has called on planning authorities to reconsider the role that gyms have to play in creating healthier and resurgent high streets.

The Gym Group CEO John Treharne told Leisure Opportunities that fitness operators can bring huge benefits in terms of employment, footfall and health, at a time when many of the the country’s high street businesses are struggling to survive.

“It’s a slow process, but planning authorities should be considering the benefit to local people from more gyms on the high street,” said Treharne, who added that each Gym Group site brings around 20 jobs when you include personal trainers.

“The bulk of our members come from within five minutes of our sites and particularly where some high streets need regeneration, the fact that we drive high footfall to our sites brings added benefits to other businesses in the same location.”

Treharne’s comments reflect the sentiments of many health club operators, who have found that obtaining suitable properties – partly due to cumbersome planning laws.

Under England’s planning use classes framework – which hasn’t been updated since 1987 – gyms and leisure centres can only occupy buildings designated under the ‘Class D2’ category, whereas shops retail outlets sit in the far more abundant ‘Class A1’ category of building.

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**May urged to ‘run with activity baton’**

As Prime Minister Theresa May put together her first cabinet, ukactive has called on the new administration to continue the work of its predecessor in taking strides to tackle the UK’s physical inactivity epidemic.

David Cameron’s six-year premiership saw a number of positive steps forward for the physical activity agenda and coincided with a period of sustained growth for the sector. Some of the government’s standout achievements in that time include the 2013 launch of Public Health England, the publication of last year’s groundbreaking Sporting Future strategy and the announcement in March of a £520m ‘sugar tax’ on fizzy drinks to fund physical activity in schools.

Ukactive and the wider physical activity sector is eager for the new-look government to maintain this momentum and drive forward with further policies that will help to create an active Britain. One area of concern among industry sources is the fate of the much-delayed childhood obesity strategy, however ukactive executive director Steven Ward is hopeful May’s government will pick up the physical activity baton and run with it.

Ward welcomed the stability the appointment of a new leader so soon after the referendum brings for business and said it will be vital for the new government to ensure that access to the single market is maintained. He also highlighted the potential for new trade deals to create additional opportunities for physical activity firms.

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Apprenticeships enable them to gain skills and knowledge at a recognised level.

“Not all school leavers want to join a college or sixth form to study A-Levels, and the increased cost of university places is making some people think twice about going,” says Everyone Active group training manager, Harvey Gosling. “Everyone Active apprenticeships present a great opportunity for young people aged 16-24 who are interested in working in the fitness and leisure industry. Not only would you receive comprehensive training and a modest income, you would also have excellent career prospects at the end of your apprenticeship with us.”

Harry has worked his way up to Site Safety Assistant. He’s now training to become a duty manager, and relishing the opportunity to learn.

“Sixth Form study wasn’t for me, so when a friend suggested I try an apprenticeship, I jumped at the chance.

I’ve always been into sports and fitness, and am interested in becoming a personal trainer and working around the world!

To complete my apprenticeship, I studied for and passed the NLPQ lifeguarding qualification and Gym Instructing Level 2 course. I’ve since progressed to a full time role at Swan Pool, shadowing senior staff to build on my experience.

I really enjoyed the courses and training Everyone Active offers and my colleagues have been really helpful in teaching me new skills.

I’d encourage anyone interested in the fitness industry to consider an Everyone Active apprenticeship, there are so many opportunities for continual development and you can progress quickly and achieve something significant.”

Nicole joined Sunbury Leisure Centre in October 2014 and has progressed from a Front of House apprentice to a full time membership consultant.

“I used to do a lot of sports at school, and have always been interested in learning more about the fitness industry, so when a front of house apprenticeship came up at Sunbury Leisure Centre I decided to go for it.

I got a lot of support from the Everyone Active team, including regular meetings with my line manager and on-the-job training. I also completed my Customer Service Level 2 qualification and am now studying for an NVQ in sales.

Interacting with customers and people on the phone every day has helped a lot with my confidence and I moved into sales in August 2015. I’m now a full time membership consultant, which I really enjoy.

I think apprenticeships are a great introduction to the work environment and help young people to become more mature, so when you do start working full-time, you’re ready for it.”
Wembley launches ‘world’s most advanced’ stadium tour

Wembley Stadium has launched what it calls "the world’s most technologically advanced stadium tour", using beacon technology and augmented reality to provide interactive experiences for visitors.

Interaction design agency Nook has worked in collaboration with the Football Association (FA) and mobile network operator EE on the tour, which launched on 18 July.

Connected by an EE Harrier smartphone converted into an EE SmartGuide, users can explore the famous stadium while utilising 360 video and AR to relive key sporting and music moments that have taken place at Wembley.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=U4H7P

BME prepares for 2017 opening

The British Music Experience’s (BME) new home has set an opening date of 11 February 2017 amid plans to position itself as one of the UK’s most prominent and compelling music attractions.

Liverpool – musically renowned for giving the world The Beatles – will host the BME, which moves from its home at the O2 arena in London following a five-year run. Making its new home in the iconic Grade II-listed Cunard Building, the experience will offer an extensive collection of music and more than 600 artefacts paying homage to the impact British music has had on culture, fashion, art and politics. TBL International – operator of the award-winning Titanic Belfast attraction – will take charge of the experience, which covers 16,000sq ft (1,500sq m) and includes eight interactive spaces exploring a variety of music genres dating back to 1945.

The BME Trust brings both a physical and digital collection valued at more than £5m. Additionally, the trust has invested a further £2.6m (US$3.4m, €3m) into the project, with a £2.6m grant also coming from the Regional Growth Fund.

"Music is inherent and entwined with Liverpool’s history, present and future,” said Tim Husbands, BME chief executive. "By capitalising on the Unesco City of Music and Liverpool’s existing tourism platforms, together, with the project’s stakeholders, we will deliver a unique and successful attraction.”

When open, the site will create 35 jobs and is forecast to attract 200,000 visitors a year.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=p8E7j_O

Beatrix Potter attraction debuts

A new tourist attraction has opened at the location where famous Victorian children’s author Beatrix Potter penned some of her most famous works.

Opened to the public on 2 July to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the birth of Potter, the attraction on the Lingholm Estate near Keswick in Cumberland now features a café, shop and Victorian walled garden. The attraction complements the unveiling of a new jetty offering scheduled boat services for the first time in half-a-century. The work has cost around £1m.

Lingholm, where Potter spent ten summers between 1885 and 1907, is the place where she wrote such children’s classics as Squirrel Nutkin and Mrs TiggyWinkle.

In addition, the Lingholm Kitchen Garden has been credited as the original inspiration for Mr McGregor’s garden in The Tale of Peter Rabbit. The new Victorian garden built from reclaimed materials, now sits on the land where those gardens were located.

The attraction is located on the Lingholm Estate near Keswick

The new café can seat up to 180 people and includes a dedicated art wall featuring the works of Rob Miller. The jetty will become a regular stop for The Keswick Launch Company, which offers boating tours.

"This is a whole a new visitor experience for the Lake District, in a previously little-known corner of this world-renowned landscape,” said Jenny Seymour, Lingholm Estate director.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=w6R9S_O

Madame Tussauds global brand director, Jules Heaton, explains: “The creation of immersive theatrical experiences – which are not wax figure based – is a very exciting development for Madame Tussauds and a model which we intend to roll out to our attractions worldwide.”

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W Hotels to operate ‘ribbon’ hotel

Starwood Hotels & Resorts has announced it will debut its W Hotels brand in Scotland at the 12-storey ‘ribbon’ building designed by Jestico + Whiles in the heart of Edinburgh.

The striking building – which has proven controversial due to its eye-catching steel façade and mooted location in the centre of the historic city – is set to complete in 2020. It will be the centrepiece of the Edinburgh St James scheme – a 1.7 million sq ft development, designed by Jestico + Whiles and Allan Murray Architects, incorporating retail, entertainment, leisure and residential apartments. The hotel will have 214 guestrooms, including 20 suites. The rooftop will feature a destination bar and outdoor terrace looking over the famous skyline. Other areas will include a signature restaurant, a workout facility and an AWAY-branded spa offering W’s signature health and wellness experiences.

“As an established business hub with a thriving global tourism industry, we are confident that there will be a huge appetite for our innovative lifestyle brand in the Scottish capital,” said Michael Wale, president of Starwood’s European operations.

“W Edinburgh’s location at the pulsing heart of the new Edinburgh St James development, combined with its innovative design, contemporary interiors and the W brand’s signature programming, will create a perfect setting.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=b7d2M_O

Berkeley’s glass canopy ‘a first’

Landmark London hotel

The Berkeley has unveiled its new entrance, created by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners (RSH+P) to “create the ultimate sense of arrival”.

The building, designed for the hotel by architect Brian O’Rorke in 1972, has had an extensive redesign, particularly to its façade.

RSH+P added a huge glass canopy supported by sixteen sculpted carbon fibre beams, each 9m long, using materials and technology more often seen in the construction of Formula 1 cars and elite racing bikes.

The creation of the canopy – a feat the studio said “has never been seen before in hotel architecture” – was undertaken by Spanish engineer firm Bellapart.

“The carbon fibre beams bring a lightness and elegance to the glass structure, creating an open, transparent and welcoming point of arrival,” said studio founder Richard Rogers.

“It is a tribute to my late colleague Amo Kalsi [who worked on the project] as it shows off his incredible architectural skill and sensitivity, bringing light and drama to The Berkeley.”

Two ceiling glass pavilions flank the entrance doors and the extended outer walls of the hotel’s Blue Bar and Collins Room – which have both been redesigned by Robert Angel. A subtle honeycomb detailing reflects light throughout the day and night allowing for a constant sense of illumination, shadow and movement.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=n9e2M_O
The summer is one of the busiest times of the year for our industry, so push the boat out and make sure it counts. Even the most well-established salons and spas can run into trouble if they fail to grasp the basics of stock control.

A host of summer social occasions can bring an influx of new clients, but don’t think of this as a one-off seasonal uplift. Your goal should be to convert every new customer into a regular repeat client.

So it’s time to be proactive, starting with the basics. Ensure that you have the correct stock levels for treatments and retail sales, check your booking procedures to guard against overbooking and consider implementing staff incentives to keep everyone at the top of their game.

That goes for you, too. Don’t be lulled into a false sense of summer security that results in a dip in standards. Maintain a professional approach at all times and resist any temptation to cut corners however busy you might be.

But don’t stop there. Get creative with seasonal offerings by putting together pick-and-mix packages to meet the needs of your clients while also introducing them to new treatments that they might not have considered previously.

It amazes me how many salons do not recognise the benefits of offering consultation services. It is well documented that businesses that offer consultation services achieve much higher retention rates because they are meeting customers’ needs and expectations while keeping them aware of the latest products and trends.

Having done all you can to offer the best experience possible to customers, all that’s left is to go the extra mile by offering them loyalty incentives to keep them coming back. This attention to detail will help your salon to stand out from the competition and ensure that a hot summer leads to year-round growth.

Susie Ellis is the chair and CEO of the Global Wellness Summit

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Details: http://lei.sr?ta=x6h3k_O

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As part of AccorHotels’ larger strategy to strengthen its luxury business, the company has also appointed Chris Cahill as the group’s CEO of luxury brands. In this newly created role, Cahill will lead the FRHI integration process and be responsible for the strategy and global operations of AccorHotels Luxury Brands. This new structure will include Raffles, Fairmont, Sofitel Legend, So Sofitel, Sofitel, MGallery by Sofitel, Pullman and Swissôtel.

Cahill is an experienced hotelier who has led several successful integrations, is familiar with multi-brand management and brings an extensive background in luxury operations, sales and marketing, the company said.

He boasts more than 30 years of hospitality industry experience to the role.

Details: http://lei.sr?ta=x2Ii8P_O

Accor acquires FRHI Hotels & Resorts

Fairmont Grand Del Mar in San Diego – now owned by Accor

‘Shark Tank of Wellness’ announced

The Global Wellness Summit has announced that its first-ever “Shark Tank of Wellness” competition has already attracted more than 70 entries from 17 countries; submissions continue until August 1, 2016. In addition, the Summit revealed its panel of judges, the “Wellness Sharks.”

“The enthusiasm for ‘Shark Tank of Wellness’ has been incredible and illustrates that ‘wellness innovation’ is truly a global phenomenon,” said Susie Ellis, GWS chair and CEO. “This radical re-think of our traditional Student Challenge has been embraced not only by student participants, but also by the sponsors who will also be the judges, or rather, our ‘Wellness Sharks.’”

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- Wellness Sharks are a panel of judges who will evaluate the submissions.

- The competition is open to students worldwide.

- The submissions will be evaluated based on innovation, feasibility, and potential impact.

- The competition will take place during the 10th Anniversary Global Wellness Summit.

- The winners will receive recognition, feedback, and potentially funding to help bring their ideas to life.

- The competition is part of the Global Wellness Summit’s efforts to promote wellness innovation globally.

- The Global Wellness Summit is an annual conference and competition that brings together leaders, innovators, and influencers from the wellness industry to discuss current trends and future directions.

- The Summit is co-hosted by the Global Wellness Institute and the Global Wellness Summit.

- The Summit aims to provoke thought leadership and provide an opportunity for professionals and students to showcase their innovation.

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TOURISM

Britain expecting ‘strong summer’

VisitBritain has said it is anticipating a “strong summer” based on the latest numbers released by the Office of National Statistics (ONS), which has announced record-breaking numbers for inbound tourists.

Revealing its Q1 statistics for January to March, the ONS report said that visits from the US, UAE, Australia, Spain and Germany all grew.

The US was the most significant of these, with the UK’s most valuable foreign market growing 9 per cent to 542,000. Within the EU, visitor numbers were up overall by 10 per cent, with Germany marking a 24 per cent rise to 602,000 inbound visitors and Spain growing by 12 per cent to 548,000. Australia and the UAE also marked a 10 per cent increase, with 157,000 visiting the UK’s shores from Australia and 77,000 from the UAE.

One positive identified as a result of the UK’s decision to leave the EU was that that weakened pound makes the country a more affordable destination for potential overseas visitors. Combined with the solid Q1 figures, VisitBritain believes the UK tourism sector could expect a “great summer”.

2015 set a record for inbound tourism to the UK on visits and spend with 36.1 million visits – a 5 per cent increase on 2011 – with spending also up 1 per cent to £22.1bn.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=h1q6K

BA launches in-flight meditation

British Airways customers can now meditate their way to a more relaxing flight, thanks to a new in-flight entertainment channel in partnership with meditation app Headspace that’s being offered on the airline’s long-haul routes.

The Headspace video channel features content designed to help travellers unwind in the air by practicing meditation and mindfulness exercises. Guided by Headspace co-founder Andy Puddicombe, each exercise focuses on a different topic, such as enabling stressed parents and anxious travellers to feel happier and more relaxed, or to overcome jet lag; there are even several guides designed specifically for children to create moments of stillness and calm, or to encourage happiness and wellbeing.

“We know our customers really value making the most of their time on our aircraft, and the new Headspace channel on our in-flight entertainment system offers them a fantastic way to make their flight more fulfilling and relaxed,” said Troy Warfield, British Airways’ director of customer experience.

Puddicombe said the specially-curated content has been designed to enhance every stage of the journey – before, during and after the flight – with specific exercises to help passengers feel relaxed, refreshed and recharged.

“It is also an opportunity to learn a beneficial new skill – something you can use at your destination and beyond – for a healthier and happier life.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=J4n4A_O
### Stirling Prize shortlist revealed

Two leisure projects have made the shortlist for the prestigious 2016 Stirling Prize for the UK’s best new building.

Newport Street Gallery in Vauxhall by Caruso St John and Weston Library in Oxford by WilkinsonEyre are among six projects in the running for the UK’s highest accolade for architecture. The winner will be announced by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) on 6 October 2016.

The other buildings in the running are a partly-subterranean home in the Forest of Dean, called the Outhouse; the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford by Herzog & de Meuron; the Trafalgar Place housing development in south London; and a new college campus for the City of Glasgow College.

The Newport Street Gallery is a free public museum housing artist Damien Hirst’s private collection and his restaurant Pharmacy 2. Three Victorian workshops once used to create sets for West End productions were bookended by Caruso St John’s two new buildings creating a seamless new sequence.

The £50m Weston Library project is a restoration and reinvigoration of a Grade II listed building home to one of the world’s greatest research libraries. The main lobby has been re-opened to the public with a first floor glazed mezzanine that forms a direct visual relationship with the books, while windows and floors have been refurbished to herald the original features.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Xz07G

### Contractors hired for multi-level indoor skatepark

The main contractor has been appointed for the construction of Urban Sports Park (USP) – a multi-level indoor skating complex in Folkestone, UK designed by Guy Holloway Architects.

The developer of the project, Shepway Sports Trust, has commissioned Westridge Construction to carry out the main work on the building, which received approval from the district council in February.

Preparations will take place soon for construction to begin, with a target date of late summer 2017 for completion. The site for the park is being provided by the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, which is also funding the £10m cost of development and construction.

The USP – designed in collaboration with skate park specialists Maverick Industries – will incorporate facilities for skateboarding and scootering over seven configurable floors.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=yj3v4T

### Old Oak developers reveal leisure-focused masterplan

A fourth public consultation is underway to determine the masterplan design of west London’s Old Oak and Park Royal Common, the UK’s largest regeneration project.

Used car dealer Cargiant plans to build a canal-side new town on its 46 acres of land in Old Oak Park, which will unlock opportunities created by the area’s future transport links with Crossrail, HS2 and the Great Western Rail Line.

Cargiant and development partner London & Regional Properties have teamed up with PLP Architecture, engineers Arup and Dutch landscape architects West 8 to create the proposal, which would cost a reported £5bn to create.

Around 6,500 new homes for Londoners are planned – of all types and price ranges – revised down from an initial 9,000 home target in order to free up more space.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=syv4h

### Paddington Cube proposal unveiled

Developers hoping to build a mixed-use complex near London’s Paddington Station have revealed Renzo Piano’s latest vision for the project.

A previous tower proposal nicknamed ‘the Paddington Pole’ drew a barrage of criticism from some quarters about its height, and the plan was abandoned in January. However, Piano was retained by the Sellers Property Group (SPG) and Great Western Developments to comprehensively rethink the design.

The result is the Paddington Cube – a 360,000sq ft (33,400sq m) 14-storey mixed-use complex lifted 12m above new public realm stretching over an acre. Around 80,000sq ft (7,400sq m) of retail and restaurant accommodation will feature over five levels, including a rooftop eatery.

The building would be constructed on the site of a former Royal Mail sorting office.

“When you exit the train station you will see a clear floating cube ‘levitating’ above the ground,” said Piano. “We are obsessed with lightness and have given the building a sense of flying above the ground and defying the laws of gravity. The façade will be crystalline, like a fine lace of steel and glass in a clear pattern like the beautiful arches and skylights of Brunel’s station.”

The new proposals follow extensive consultations with local residents and stakeholders. Details: http://lei.sr?a=ivv6T
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Two Leisure Opportunities (STPP)

- Church House Gardens,
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- High Elms Country Park,
  Shire Lane, Bromley BR6 7JH
  Expressions of interest are invited, for complementary Leisure projects, in this popular park of around 100 hectares in the Green Belt to the south of the London Borough of Bromley.
  Landscape features include extensive woodland, chalk wildlife meadows, lawns, formal gardens, and ponds. There is an education centre and a café. Outline proposals, for new activities, are invited.

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Brighton & Hove City Council are interested in working with potential designers, builders and operators to identify whether the provision of a new permanent ice rink is feasible in the city.

There is public interest in a new ice rink and the council is assessing the potential to attract a development partner to provide an ice rink.

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Leisure snubbed in skills shake-up

Government plans for a major shake-up of Post-16 vocational education have been met with disappointment from the leisure industry, after the newly-proposed routes into skilled employment appear to have overlooked the sector.

Skills minister Nick Boles has tabled plans to remove thousands of “ineffective courses that short-change employers and young people” and replace them with 15 “straight-forward routes” into technical employment covering key industries. The recommended reforms are based on a report into technical education by an independent panel, chaired by Labour Party peer Lord Sainsbury.

Among the new routes are Construction; Transport and Logistics; as well as Legal, Finance and Accounting; however there is no clear route for entering the leisure industry. In fact, the word ‘leisure’ did not feature once in Boles’ 60-page Post-16 skills plan, despite the £117bn leisure sector accounting for 7.4 per cent of GDP, according to Deloitte.

When contacted by Leisure Opportunities, a Department for Education spokesperson said that the government had included leisure industry jobs in the 15 Skills Plan routes, but across different pathways: “As the routes have been developed to group skilled occupations with shared knowledge, skills and behaviour, leisure sector careers will be spread across different routes,” said the spokesperson.

“For example, jobs such as health and fitness trainers would be included within the Health and Science Route. A job such as park ranger would be included within the Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care Route.”

Controversially, the Post-16 skills plan includes the proposal to have just one awarding organisation for each of the 15 routes.

Details: http://lei.sr?r=a=5K5n4_O

Workforce-themed active-net 2017

Workforce development has been announced as the theme for active-net 2017, with the two-day conference to explore efforts and initiatives from the likes of Sport England and CIMSPA to professionalise the physical activity sector.

The educational element of the conference will include a panel discussion with Stephanie Maurel, the strategic lead for people at Sport England, CIMSPA CEO Tara Dillion and Marcus Kingwell, MD of AoC Sport.

“Sport England’s Towards an Active Nation five-year plan aims to transform delivery through a new workforce strategy,” said David Monkhouse, director of event organiser Leisure-net.

“Couple that with the first anniversary of CIMSPA’s Affiliate and Practitioner scheme and active-net’s new link with AoC Sport, and it made perfect sense to theme the entire conference around workforce development.”

active-net brings together more than 100 leading operators and suppliers within the active leisure sector for business-focused, pre-selected one-to-one meetings, together with informative educational slots, networking lunches and an evening meal. The fourth annual event will take place on 29-30 March 2017 at Eastwood Hall in Nottingham.

Sport England’s Stephanie Maurel added: “Sport England is currently working on the Professional Workforce strategy for the sector, to be published in December, and we look forward to sharing the finer detail of the strategy with delegates at active-net 2017.”

Details: http://lei.sr?r=a=L6b5Z

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Sainsbury report draws more questions than answers

If there’s one thing that Lord Sainsbury’s Report of the Independent Panel on Technical Education has achieved it is getting people talking about further education. However, it prompts many questions.

The report recommends that young people choose between taking an academic or technical pathway through further education. It proposes a radical overview of the technical education system, replacing the thousands of courses currently in existence with 15 high-quality routes covering college-based and apprenticeship-based education.

Indications are that a sector has to choose between an academic or technical pathway – it can’t have both. Sport and physical activity has not been given its own technical route and instead falls in a number of others. It does however have a number of academic qualifications approved by DfE. Unfortunately, there is no clear information on academic pathways and how it aligns to the technical routes, and this prompts the first big question for the sector. Do we want to be seen as technical or academic occupation?

All these routes – academic, technical either via college or apprenticeships – require a single set of standards, developed by employers, which aligns closely with the work CIMSPA and the sector is currently undertaking.

The report also recommends one awarding body for each of the 15 technical streams. Our sector has lots of niche awarding bodies, but few that serve the whole sector. How do we maintain that expertise in our awarding body network?

Yes, the review has prompted uncertainty and unanswered questions, but for CIMSPA it’s business as usual. Our work to define professional standards means we are ahead of the game. We will work to open a dialogue with government, to ensure we have answers for all our partners so once the dust settles we can negotiate the best possible outcome for the sector.
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- Location: Aylesbury, UK

### Duty Officer
- Company: Manchester Metropolitan University
- Location: Crewe, UK

### Exercise Referral Administrator
- Company: GLL
- Location: Hackney, UK

### Exercise Referral Instructor
- Company: GLL
- Location: Hackney, UK

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### Swimming Teacher
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Bedworth, UK

### Front of House Colleague
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Washington, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Ware, Herts, UK

### SwimStars Co-ordinator
- Company: Becky Adlington’s Swim Stars
- Location: Various locations

### Receptionist
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Bourton-on-the-Water, UK

### Swimming Teachers
- Company: Becky Adlington’s Swim Stars
- Location: Various Locations, UK

### Apprenticeship in Fitness and Customer Services
- Company: énergie group
- Location: UK

### Recreation Assistant (Lifeguard)
- Company: GLL
- Location: Various locations, UK

### Recreational Assistant
- Company: Legacy Leisure
- Location: Windsor Leisure Centre, UK

### Swimming Teachers
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Various locations, UK

### Maintenance Engineer
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Midhurst, West Sussex, UK

### Operations Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Aylesbury, UK

### Sports Assistant / Lifeguard (9 posts)
- Company: University of Nottingham
- Location: Nottingham, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Aylesbury, UK

### Exercise Facilitator
- Company: The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
- Location: Kingston upon Thames, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Aylesbury, UK

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- Location: Crewe, UK

### Exercise Referral Administrator
- Company: GLL
- Location: Hackney, UK

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- Company: GLL
- Location: Hackney, UK

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### Sports & Recreation Instructor
- Company: Blind Veterans UK
- Location: Brighton

### Front of House Colleagues
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: London, UK

### Client Liaison Manager
- Company: Parkwood Leisure
- Location: Penzance, UK

### Recreation Assistants
- Company: Parkwood Leisure
- Location: Penzance, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Parkwood Leisure
- Location: Penzance, UK

### Recreation Attendant / Lifeguard
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Sutton, UK

### Front of House Colleagues
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: London, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Spelthorne, UK

### Lifeguard Apprenticeship
- Company: Spelthorne Leisure Centre, UK

### Relief Duty Manager
- Company: GLL
- Location: Ruislip, London, UK

### Dry Side Leisure Assistant
- Company: GLL
- Location: Spelthorne, UK

### Team Leader
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Poole, Dorset, UK

### Lifeguard
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Leicestershire, UK

### Student Engagement Officer
- Company: Lancaster University
- Location: Lancaster

### Sales Manager
- Company: Soll Leisure
- Location: Abingdon, UK

### Sports Assistants
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Horfield, Bristol, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Legacy Leisure
- Location: Willink, UK

### Sports Development Officer
- Company: Live Active Leisure
- Location: UK

### Group Exercise Coordinator
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: London, UK

### Regional Sales Manager
- Company: Gladstone Health & Leisure
- Location: S West & S Wales, UK

### Fitness Instructor and Sales
- Company: énergie group
- Location: Greater London, UK

### Sales Manager/Duty Manager
- Company: énergie group
- Location: Stevenage, Hertfordshire, UK

### General Manager
- Company: truGym
- Location: Peterborough, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Poole, UK

### Fitness Instructor (P/T)
- Company: YMCA Maidstone
- Location: Maidstone, UK

### Duty Manager
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Gainsborough, UK

### Membership Sales Advisor
- Company: Parkwood Leisure
- Location: Penzance, UK

### Sports Facilities Manager
- Company: University of Cambridge
- Location: Cambridge, UK

### Sport and Fitness Assistant
- Company: University of Cambridge
- Location: Cambridge, UK

### Swim Teacher
- Company: Rugby School
- Location: Rugby, UK

### Corporate Sales Manager
- Company: The Gym Group
- Location: London Charing Cross, UK

### Operations Assistant
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Gainsborough, UK

### General Managers
- Company: The Original Bowling Co
- Location: Nationwide, UK

### Sports Project Coordinator
- Company: University of Cambridge
- Location: Cambridge, UK

### General Manager
- Company: Jump Arena
- Location: Luton, UK

### Operations Assistant
- Company: Stantonbury Arts & Leisure
- Location: Milton Keynes, UK

### Operations Assistant
- Company: Everyone Active
- Location: Lancaster

### General Managers
- Company: Legacy Leisure
- Location: Hungerford, UK

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Recreation Assistant  
Company: Legacy Leisure  
Location: Hungerford, UK

Exercise Referral Instructor  
Company: GLL  
Location: Chiltern, UK

Duty Manager  
Company: Impulse Leisure  
Location: West Sussex, UK

Regional Sales Manager  
Company: Sports Art Fitness  
Location: North/South, UK

Swimming Teachers  
Company: GLL  
Location: Lambeth, UK

Trampoline Coach  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Nuneaton, UK

Assistant Accountant  
Company: Parkwood Leisure  
Location: Worcester, UK

Senior Duty Officer  
Company: Christchurch and East Dorset Council  
Location: Wimborne, Dorset, UK

Exercise Referral Instructor (Fixed Term)  
Company: GLL  
Location: Greenwich, UK

Graphic Designer  
Company: Parkwood Leisure  
Location: Worcester, UK

Abseil Instructor  
Company: Big Bang Promotions  
Location: Sheffield, UK

Maintenance Supervisor  
Company: Oldham Community Leisure  
Location: Oldham, UK

Freelance Personal Trainer  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Fareham, UK

Head of Facilities  
Company: Oldham Community Leisure  
Location: Oldham, UK

Sales Manager (Southwark)  
Company: énergie  
Location: Various locations

Duty Manager  
Company: Parkwood Leisure  
Location: Newbury, UK

Swim Teacher  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Mid Suffolk, UK

General Manager  
Company: The Original Bowling Co  
Location: Worthing, UK

Recreation Assistant  
Company: American School in London  
Location: London, UK

Assistant Aquatic Manager  
Company: American School in London  
Location: London, UK

Partner Administration  
Company: Move GB  
Location: Bath, UK

Customer Coach  
Company: Move GB  
Location: Bath, UK

Club Manager  
Company: énergie group  
Location: Northampton, UK

Health Club Manager  
Company: Hilton London Heathrow  
Location: London, UK

Business Dev Manager  
Company: Steps2sport  
Location: Birmingham

Customer Coach  
Company: Move GB  
Location: Bath, UK

Team Leader  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Epping, UK

Duty Manager  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Sunbury-on-Thames, UK

Sports Facilities and Health/ Safety Administrator  
Company: Sutton Vale School  
Location: Kent, UK

Fitness Instructor  
Company: énergie group  
Location: Croydon, UK

Swimming Teacher  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Nuneaton, Warwickshire, UK

Swimming Teachers  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Nottinghamshire, UK

Membership Consultant  
Company: Soho Gyms  
Location: London, UK

Personal Trainers Wanted  
Company: Soho Gyms  
Location: London, UK

General Managers  
Company: The Gym Group  
Location: nationwide

General Manager  
Company: Xercise4Less  
Location: Hartlepool, Wakefield UK

Membership Consultant  
Company: Xercise4Less  
Location: Various locations

Personal Trainer  
Company: Xercise4Less  
Location: nationwide, UK

Impact Sales Consultant  
Company: Xercise4Less  
Location: National role, UK

Sales and Marketing Manager  
Company: Xercise4Less  
Location: Various locations

Customer Service/ Front of House Assistant  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Various locations

Fitness Instructor apprenticeship  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Various locations

Multi-Skill Diploma apprenticeship  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Various locations

Recreation Assistant Apprenticeship  
Company: Everyone Active  
Location: Various locations

GP Exercise Referral  
Company: Focus Training  
Location: Nationwide, UK

Massage therapist  
Company: Pure Massage Ltd  
Location: London, UK

Head Spa Receptionist  
Company: Bedford Lodge Hotel  
Location: Newmarket, UK

Spa Therapist  
Company: Bedford Lodge Hotel  
Location: Newmarket, UK

Spa Therapists  
Company: Hand Picked Hotels  
Location: Various, UK

Spa Therapist  
Company: Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf  
Location: Durham, UK

Beauty Therapists (P/T)  
Company: Center Parcs Ltd  
Location: Elveden Forest, Thetford, UK

Beauty Therapists  
Company: Center Parcs Ltd  
Location: Woburn, Bedfordshire, UK

Head Spa Concierge  
Company: Hotel de France  
Location: St. Helier, Jersey, UK

Beauty Therapist  
Company: The Wellbeing (London) Co  
Location: Richmond, UK

Spa Therapist  
Company: Lifehouse Spa and Hotel  
Location: Essex, UK

Studio Artist  
Company: Madame Tussauds  
Location: New York, United States

Head of RHS Garden Rosemoor  
Company: Royal Horticultural Society  
Location: Torrington, UK

Guest and Membership Services Area Lead  
Company: Legoland  
Location: California, United States

Head of Marketing  
Company: The Eye Brand  
Location: Orlando, Florida, US

Interim Executive Manager  
Company: Borde Hill Garden  
Location: Haywards Heath

Studio Artist  
Company: Madame Tussauds  
Location: Las Vegas, United States

Marketing Manager  
Company: Legoland Discovery Centre  
Location: Philadelphia, United States

Operations Manager  
Company: Continuum Attractions  
Location: Portsmouth, UK

Customer Champion Outbound  
Company: The Rank Group  
Location: Sheffield, UK

General Manager  
Company: The Original Bowling Co  
Location: Various locations

Team Manager Outbound  
Company: The Rank Group  
Location: Sheffield, UK

Quality Champion  
Company: The Rank Group  
Location: Sheffield, UK

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John Whittingdale has been sacked as secretary of state for culture, media and sport, with former Home Office minister Karen Bradley named as his successor. Whittingdale took up the post in May 2015 and had publicly backed ‘Leave’ in the referendum campaign. Before his exit the Maldon MP offered reassurances that government funding for UK Sport and Sport England would not be cut as a result of the UK voting to leave the European Union on 23 July.

Bradley worked with May at the Home Office as head of the modern slavery bill and becomes the fourth culture secretary in little over two years. Prior to her election in 2010 as MP for Staffordshire Moorlands, Bradley worked for tax and accounting giants such as Deloitte and KPMG.

Sports minister Tracey Crouch – who oversaw the publication of the government’s Sporting Future strategy – will remain in her post, working with Bradley at the DCMS.

Meanwhile, the government has confirmed that Jeremy Hunt is to stay in his role as health secretary. The continuity that this brings could bode well for the eventual publication of the much-delayed childhood obesity strategy. Seen as a David Cameron legacy project, doubts had been expressed over whether it would see the light of day under Theresa May’s administration.

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