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Top team changes at Fitness First

Fitness First, one of the largest health club operators in the world, has changed its top management team after experiencing a difficult period of trading across both its UK and Australian businesses.

Both chief executive officer Colin Waggett and chief financial officer Duncan Tatton-Brown stepped down on 1 February to be replaced by turnaround specialist Chris Stone and Jan Kengelbach of BC Partners respectively.

John Gamble will also leave, with Andrew Newington appointed chair to oversee the changes. Donald Featherstone of AlixPartners will work with Newington as chief restructuring officer. The company has also made changes at the regional management level.

David Stalker, the chief executive officer of the Fitness Industry Association, said: "Fitness



Chris Stone (pictured) has taken over as the new CEO at Fitness First

First has endeavoured to react to the money conscious market by delivering its budget brand Klick Fitness, but it has been unable to rectify its debt maturity problem."



The gallery undergoing its transformation work

London's Photographers' Gallery to reopen in May

London's Photographers' Gallery is to reopen on 19 May, following a £8.9m development project designed by Ireland-based O'Donnell and Tuomey Architects.

The transformation of the photography attraction has included the addition of a two-storey extension, which has doubled the size of the available exhibition space.

An environmentally-controlled floor will now enable the Photographers' Gallery to display more work from its archives, while top floor galleries boast higher ceilings for the exhibition of larger works.

Hunt confirms £500m sport funding boost

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt has announced that sport is to receive £500m worth of extra funding over the next five years, according to the latest National Lottery projections.

Forecasts from December 2011 have shown sport's total income between 2012-13 and 2016-17 is set to increase from £1.3bn – outlined in September 2010's projections – to £1.8bn.

The additional funding will be made available as a result of changes to how Lottery cash is spent, with sport to receive 20 per cent of returns.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=w4B4m>

ACE names major partner museums

Arts Council England (ACE) has announced the 16 major partner museums that will receive a share of around £60m over the next three years under the Renaissance programme.

It is the first time that major Renaissance funding has been allocated for a three-year period through an open application system measured against published criteria.

Birmingham Museums Trust; the Museum of London; the Manchester Partnership; and York Museums Trust are among those to benefit from a funding package worth around £20m a year between April 2012 and March 2015.

"The announcement of our 16 major partner museums is a significant step forward in our



The Museum of London is one of the major partners

closer relationship with the wider cultural sector," said ACE chief executive Alan Davey.

"[The major partners] have been chosen for the excellence of their work and for their compelling plans for the future."

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SPORT

Gosport Sports Park work to begin

Work is to commence on the new Gosport Sports Park this month (February) following months of talks between Gosport Borough Council (GBC) and DC Leisure.

At the heart of the planned mixed-use development is a new £7.2m leisure centre to be run by DC Leisure on behalf of the local authority, which will replace the ageing Holbrook Recreation Centre.

Facilities will include a 70-station gym; a 25m swimming pool and smaller learner pool; and eight five-a-side football pitches, as well as a sports hall and a dance studio. Willmott Dixon has been appointed to deliver the development and is scheduled to start on-site on 20 February.

Holbrook Recreation Centre will remain open until the new venue is complete. A second phase of the scheme will then see Holbrook



A new £7.2m leisure centre will boast a 25m swimming pool and a gym

Recreation Centre make way for a 60-bedroom Premier Inn-branded hotel with pub/restaurant developed by Marston's.

DC Leisure development director Peter Kirkham said: "The park will not only provide great leisure centre facilities but also a wide range of affordable activities for residents of the borough." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=01C0j>

Latest £10m Olympic legacy funding round launches

Local community sports groups across the country are being invited to apply for a share of £10m from the National Lottery under the latest round of the Inspired Facilities fund.

Sport England chair Richard Lewis and sport minister Hugh Robertson launched the

investment round, which is part of plans to establish a lasting Olympic legacy.

The fund is part of the Places People Play legacy programme and aims to boost run-down facilities that might otherwise be unappealing to participants. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=r3Z3a>

Green light for Ravenhill Stadium revamp

Northern Ireland environment minister Alex Attwood has approved planning permission for the redevelopment of Belfast's Ravenhill Stadium, which is currently home to the Ulster Rugby team.

Renovation plans for the remaining three sides of the venue were lodged in August 2010, which followed the construction of a new stand and improvements to terracing on the Mount Merion side – completed the year before.

The scheme was awarded a

boost last March when the Northern Ireland Executive awarded Ulster Rugby nearly £15m of funding through Sport Northern Ireland towards the redevelopment proposals.

Work will be undertaken in phases and will feature a new Memorial End Stand with



Ravenhill Stadium will have a capacity of 18,200 following the scheme

covered seating for 2,500 people, as well as terracing for 1,350 and an educational centre.

Meanwhile, the Aquinas End stand is to provide a family-orientated atmosphere with seating for 3,200 people; medical and treatment rooms; and team changing facilities.

£6m complex for Ystrad Mynach

A new £6m Centre of Sporting Excellence for football and rugby union is to be built on the site of a former hospital in Ystrad Mynach under new local authority proposals.

Ownership of the site will be transferred to Caerphilly County Borough Council in mid-February, following the November 2011 opening of the new Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

Two 3G surfaces capable of accommodating both football and rugby union are proposed as part of the scheme, along with supporting infrastructure such as lighting and terracing.

The council hopes the venue will be able to host matches at the 'highest level', offer performance training and sports science facilities, and be available for community use.

The Welsh Rugby Union and Football Association of Wales have backed the scheme,



The proposals will transform the former hospital site in Ystrad Mynach

with Newport Gwent Dragons rugby team and Cardiff City Football Club also in support.

Council leader Allan Pritchard said: "This is a unique opportunity for the council to provide a Centre for Sporting Excellence and community development that could be among the best in the country."

Next stage of Cardiff's ISV moves forward

Cardiff Council has appointed a development partner to deliver the next phase of the city's International Sports Village (ISV) – a new ice rink and waterfront scheme.

Helium Miracle 113 has been selected by the council following a tender process, with design work to start immediately. The project is set to be delivered in phases.

A new twin-pad ice arena and a 150m ski slope will be built first, and will be ready for "all or most" of the 2013-14 ice hockey season. The overall development will take five years to complete.

Later phases will include a hotel; bars; restaurants; and other leisure facilities. As a result of the scheme's commercial elements, no capital funding will be provided by the council.



A waterfront scheme will complement the new ice rink at Cardiff's ISV

Cardiff Council leader Rodney Berman said: "[The latest phase] will be another cornerstone of the International Sports Village, which is key within the council's plans to further enhance Cardiff's reputation as an international capital and a major tourist destination."

Mayor: London's Olympic Park to host 2013 cycling festival

One of the first large-scale events to be held in London's Olympic Park following the 2012 Games will be a two-day cycling festival under plans announced by mayor Boris Johnson.

Due to take place in August 2013, the event is designed to attract more than 200,000 visitors

to the capital and will include a family fun ride for up to 70,000 cyclists around the city.

The second day will see up to 35,000 amateur, club and world-class elite cyclists embark on a 100-mile course, which is scheduled to begin in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Cricket Ireland unveils 'bold' future vision

Cricket Ireland has announced plans to establish a domestic first-class structure and achieve Test status by 2020 in a "bold vision" for the sport's future in Ireland.

A new strategic plan to 2015 for Irish cricket has now been outlined by the body, which also aims to increase participation to 50,000 and reinforce cricket as the country's fourth major team sport.

Cricket Ireland chief executive Warren Deutrom said: "We have set ourselves a very clear long-term ambition – to become a full Test nation by 2020, nothing less."



In-house council architects designed the facility

New £4.3m sports facility opens in East Ayrshire

A new £4.3m sports facility designed by East Ayrshire Council's in-house architects, has been unveiled by Scotland national team manager Craig Levein in Stewarton.

Facilities at the new facility, which was constructed by Barr Construction, include a hall with sprung Granwood floor capable of accommodating a range of sports such as badminton and basketball.

The centre also offers a Body Station Gym-branded conditioning suite with cv and resistance equipment, while a dance studio and FIFA 2*-accredited synthetic pitches also feature at the complex.

Treasury: Tax exemption for Glasgow 2014 athletes

HM Treasury has announced that athletes based currently outside the UK and who will be competing at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games will be exempt from paying income tax.

Danny Alexander, chief secretary to the Treasury, confirmed the move in a bid to "spread the long-term" legacy benefits of the London 2012 Games into Scotland.

The exemption includes appearance fees and the proportion of global endorsement income related to competing at Glasgow 2014 which would normally be tax.

New-look corporate gym for JCB World HQ

A gym at the JCB World Headquarters in Staffordshire has reopened to employees after benefiting from a revamp undertaken in partnership with Life Fitness.

The Healthy Living Centre, which first opened 15 years ago, has been modernised and now features a 45-station fitness suite offering cv and strength equipment.

JCB World's new-look gym also features Life Fitness' Virtual Trainer technology to assist in rehabilitation and physiotherapy, allowing staff to track their exercise progress. A spinning studio is also on offer.



Holohan Architects designed the leisure complex

New leisure centre for County Wexford town

Work will start this month (February) on a new leisure centre in New Ross, Ireland.

New Ross Town Council and contractor Mythen Thompson have exchanged the contracts for the scheme, which has been designed by Holohan Architects.

The new two-storey centre will include a six-lane, 25m swimming pool; a learner pool; and a separate children's pool.

A health suite with steamroom, sauna and relaxation area will be located on the first floor, while a fitness gym and a group exercise studio will occupy the second.

Nuffield Health acquires Greens Health and Fitness

Nuffield Health has announced the acquisition of Greens Health and Fitness, a chain of 15 fitness centres from De Vere Group.

The deal will see Nuffield's overall membership increase to around 300,000 across 66 consumer and 200 corporate sites, which makes it the UK's sixth largest provider of fitness and wellbeing services.

The deal is the third major acquisition for Nuffield Health in recent years. It took over Bladerunner corporate fitness in 2010 and Cannons gyms three years prior to that. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=T6Q4e>

LA Fitness in Twitter meltdown

UK health club operator LA Fitness has agreed to waive the membership contract of a heavily pregnant woman and her out-of-work husband, following concerted pressure from social media users and the *Guardian* newspaper.

The lady – formerly a member at LA Fitness' Billericay club – wrote to the newspaper's Consumer Champions column last month to complain she had been unable to cancel her and her husband's 24-month contracts – leaving them liable to pay £780.

A 'drastic' change in the couple's circumstances, along with being forced to move 12 miles from the Billericay club, prompted the need to cancel their contracts.

LA Fitness was contacted by the *Guardian* after it took up the issue, with the operator agreeing to a compromise and said it would



LA Fitness has now backed down due to a strong social media backlash

only charge the couple a further six months of the contract – a sum of £360.

However, *Guardian* readers used social media platforms – particularly Twitter – to publicise the plight of the couple, with LA Fitness coming under severe attack for its stance. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Po13h>

OFT to probe fairness of gym contracts

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has opened an official investigation into whether health club operators are in breach of the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations Act 1999.

As part of the probe, the OFT will also look at whether operators are engaging in any unfair business practices under the 2008 Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations Act.

The latest investigation follows the enforcement order successfully secured by the OFT from the High Court last August against Ashbourne Management Services, a gym membership management company.

Following the ruling, the OFT issued a warning advising other gyms to check their



The FIA said it is "happy to play an advisory role in this investigation"

contract terms to ensure they were not using similar unfair terms or business practices.

It now appears that the problem will be investigated in a wider context, although the probe is currently at an early stage.

1610 secures £1.4m Torridge leisure contract

Somerset-based leisure trust 1610 has been awarded a £1.4m contract by Torridge District Council to run its leisure facilities for the next decade, with effect from 1 February.

The not-for-profit organisation, which was formerly known as Somerset Leisure, currently

manages 13 centres throughout the county and will add a further four to its portfolio.

Torrington Pool; Torridge Pool in Bideford; Holworthy Leisure Centre; and Torrington Sprots Hall and Artificial Turf Pitch are the venues to now be operated by 1610.

Second Bristol club for Anytime

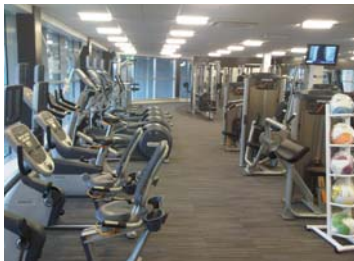
Anytime Fitness has opened its second Bristol location – and fourth in the UK – at the Willow Brook Centre in Bradley Stoke as part of the franchise's rollout strategy.

In May 2010, the operator said it planned to have 50 sites across the UK and Ireland by the end of 2012. Its first UK site was launched in Clifton, Bristol, in October 2010.

Anytime Fitness also has locations in London's Kings Cross and Hemel Hempstead, with the latest 5,000sq ft (465sq m) Bradley Stoke club offering a capacity of 1,400 members.

The facility offers changing rooms, offices and finishes in the Fusion design scheme and its equipment has been supplied by Precor, including cv and strength stations.

Robin Drysdale, franchisee and former tennis professional, said: "The previously unused



Willow Brook is the franchise's second location to be opened in Bristol

space at Willow Brook provided the perfect location due to the fact that it was unsuitable for retail or office use.

"It has now been transformed into a vibrant gym that will benefit the whole community and, judging by the membership so far, it is set to be a resounding success."

Pulse unveils Birmingham installations

New gyms at the Alexander Stadium athletics venue and Harborne Pool and Fitness Centre in Birmingham have benefited from the installation of Pulse Fitness equipment worth more than £270,000.

Both facilities opened to the public in January, with Birmingham City Council's (BCC) flagship fitness venue at Alexander Stadium offering more than 100 stations.

The Alexander Stadium gym – located in a new S&P Architects-designed stand completed last year – also features PowerPlates and a free weights area.

Meanwhile, the £12.2m Harborne Pool and Fitness Centre – designed by Saunders Boston – includes a 70-station adult fitness suite, in addition to a 25m, six-lane swimming pool.



More than 100 stations were installed at the Alexander Stadium facility

BCC leisure services health and fitness manager Anne Goodall said: "I have been extremely impressed with the package presented to the council with equipment supply, warranty support and complimentary support services."

£750k Stroud leisure centre renovation complete

Stratford Park Leisure Centre in Stroud, Gloucestershire, has reopened its doors following the completion of an extensive £750,000 modernisation programme at the venue.

Work included the introduction of new fitness equipment; a new studio; a new health

suite with sauna and steamroom; and a revamped sports hall floor.

Management of the centre has now transferred from Stroud District Council to Sports and Leisure Management, which will run the facility under the Everyone Active brand.



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Tourism sector to win from the 2012 Games



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In January, there was much said in the media when the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) released 8,000 of the 40,000 London hotel rooms it had allocated for the Games period.

The release was part of the original deal that enabled London to win the Games in the first place, so it's puzzling that the news warranted such an agonised response from the media. Nevertheless, it raised many comments about hotel demand and pricing.

London hoteliers are confident they will be very busy during the Games, which is – after all – the world's biggest sporting event. As industry pricing is demand-led, prices will rise to reflect that but, for a true comparison, prices during the Games should be compared with those during events such as Farnborough Air Show or Wimbledon when they reach their peak, not at other times of the year when demand is much lower.

Some commentators also suggested that because of high prices, occupancy in London during the Games will be less than 80 per cent. For central London, this is nonsense – these hotels will be full. Average occupancy in London in August is typically in the 80 per cent region anyway (82.2 per cent in 2011, 82.6 per cent in 2010), so it would not be as disastrous as is being implied.

There will be some displacement of regular traffic, but there is no evidence that suggests people will not return in 2013 and beyond. Why should they not? The fact that London is very busy one year does not mean that people will not want to visit in later years. But whatever the level of occupancy in London, one of the key benefits of the Games is the long-term impact on the tourism economy, stretching far beyond 2012.

The 2012 Games will introduce new people to the UK who have never visited the country before; many will want to return. Also, the television coverage during the Games, and UK generally, is worth infinitely more than anything that VisitBritain and others could possibly generate. This will be one of the Games' most lasting legacies and one that will benefit both the hotel industry and the UK economy far into the future.

HOTELS

Deregulation study published

An independent report commissioned by the government has recommended "widespread deregulation" in a range of areas across the tourism and hospitality sectors.

A taskforce led by British Hospitality Association (BHA) chair Alan Parker was responsible for the new *Smart Regulation and Economic Growth - Seizing the Tourism Opportunity* research.

The report was commissioned by tourism minister John Penrose and recommendations deal with issues such

as the recognition of tourism in planning and the current UK visa regime. Other issues covered by the research include health and safety regulations; employment law; and a shake-up of the Licensing Act.

Recommendations will be considered across government in order to help the industries



The report covered a number of issues – including health and safety

contribute to the UK's economic growth, with 500,000 jobs expected to be created by 2020.

Parker said: "There is a huge opportunity that everyone in the industry wants to be part of. Cutting red tape is one easy thing that the government can do to help bring this growth about." Details: <http://lei.sr7a=egnz>

LOCOG 'returns' Games-time hotel rooms

Around a fifth of hotel room nights reserved by the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) have been "returned" to hotels.

More than 120,000 room nights across at least 200 hotels – including budget properties

and five-star operators – are now available to visitors travelling to London for the Games.

Agreements made in 2005 as part of the bidding process had allowed for in excess of 40,000 rooms to be used by officials, media and employees working at the Games.

Edwardian Group secures London site

Allsop and Tamarin/RER have confirmed that contracts have been exchanged for the sale of the Odeon Leicester Square site to the Edwardian Group for an undisclosed sum.

Knight Frank and CBRE have acted as agents for the sale of the site, which was subject to a successful planning application in 2008 for a mixed-use redevelopment.

Under approved plans, the buildings will be redeveloped with a two-screen cinema and a 245-bedroom hotel.

Edwardian Group chief operating officer Paul Mansi said: "Leisure experiences are at the heart of the company's DNA and we are keen to create new and exciting offerings for the local market and the myriad visitors to the city.



The site has approval for a development including a 245-bedroom hotel

"The acquisition of the site, and our ambitious plans, will both create jobs in the area and put the spotlight firmly back on the revitalised Leicester Square."



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MWB agree deal for Malmaison Dundee hotel

MWB Group Holdings plans to open a Malmaison-branded hotel in Dundee.

Due to open in 2013, the 91-bedroom Dundee Malmaison will become MWB's first new hotel since the group concluded a refinancing agreement in 2011.

The hotel will be created on the site of the old Tay Hotel, a listed city centre landmark building, and facilities will include a spa and a fine dining restaurant.

The hotel will be part of the £1bn Dundee Central Waterfront Development, an integral phase in the city's regeneration.



Hotel Missoni in Edinburgh will retain its brand

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group established

Spa hotels and resorts operating under Carlson and Rezidor Hotel Group brands will keep their individual identities after the two groups combined to launch the Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group (CRHG).

Although the brands will be "aligned globally", sites will continue to be developed under brands such as Missoni, which saw its first spa open in Edinburgh in 2010.

CRHG has a portfolio of more than 1,300 properties across 80 countries and the legal status and the ownership structure of both companies will remain the same.

Cliveden House Hotel changes ownership

Cliveden House luxury hotel in Berkshire is the latest to be sold out of the administration of the von Essen group, after it was acquired by Ian and Richard Livingstone.

The new owners now plan to undertake a multi-million pound redevelopment of the hotel, which includes The Pavilion Spa offering therapies using Terraké and Carita products in its seven treatment rooms.

Indoor and outdoor pools; Canadian hot tubs; a sauna; and steamrooms for both men and women also comprise the Pavilion Spa, in addition to whirlpools.

UK mentoring scheme launches

The government has launched the Get Mentoring initiative to enable spa and beauty professionals to access free business mentoring training for both themselves and their staff.

The initiative is being led by the Small Firms Enterprise Development Initiative (SFEDI) and will recruit and train thousands of business mentors in the UK from the small, medium and micro business community.

Mentors will be deployed across a range of organisations accessible via a national online portal that provides a single point of access to mentoring services. Training will take place both online, via distance learning, as well as at hundreds of training sessions taking place around the UK in 2012.

The training takes up to seven hours and – upon completion – mentors will receive a



A national online portal will provide a single point of access for services

SFEDI Certificate of Recognition for completing the Introduction to Enterprise Mentoring Course, free membership of the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and a listing on the scheme's website.

The government has pledged £1.2m for the scheme. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=noj3z>

Hilton spa concept offered to franchisees

Hilton Worldwide's spa concept, eforea: spa at Hilton, is to be made available to franchise owners across three brands after being "refined" at seven managed locations.

Launched in late 2010, the solution is available to franchisees across the Hilton Hotels and Resorts; DoubleTree by Hilton; and Embassy Suites Hotels estate.

It is anticipated the move will expand the current eforea pipeline, which already has more than 90 locations in development around the world at Hilton Worldwide-run properties.

The concept will offer hotel owners an online booking engine; pre-launch support; and the sourcing of L'ITIA, Vitaman, Kerstin Florian and Peter Thomas Roth products.



Treatments at the Pure Health-branded venue are supplied by Decléor

Hilton Worldwide's Jim Holthouser said: "Our concept can make opening a new spa faster and cost-effective for our hotels and it is poised to expand and enter new markets at a rapid pace." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=i4c4u>

Essex's Lifehouse spa resort calls in administrators

The Lifehouse spa resort near Colchester, Essex, UK is up for sale after the resort's owner, Tangram Leisure, went into administration.

David Thurgood, Jim Stewart-Koster and David Dunkley of Grant Thornton UK have been appointed joint administrators.

The Lifehouse, which is continuing to trade as normal, opened in December 2010 following an investment of £30m.

Located within 135 acres of grounds, the resort features a 90,000sq ft (8,400sq m), two-storey spa with 35 treatment rooms.

Wales survey results published

Wales' natural environment and the friendliness of its people are among the most appealing features of visiting the country, according to the 2011 *Wales Visitor Survey*.

Visit Wales carried out the research between April and September last year and includes day and overnight visitors from the UK, as well as overseas residents travelling to the country.

The study provides satisfaction ratings in a number of aspects, with the natural environment scoring 9.33 out of 10 among UK overnight visitors and 9.22 for overseas visitors. Meanwhile, the friendliness of Welsh people scored 9.32 for overseas visitors and 9.17 for UK overnight visitors. Overall satisfaction was high across all three groups.

Welsh environment minister John Griffiths has said the newly-extended Clwydian Range



Wales' natural environment is one of the country's main selling points

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in Denbighshire and Wrexham will boost tourism in rural North Wales.

In 2006, rural Denbighshire welcomed 1.58 million day visitors, while 365,000 overnight trips to the region were made. Total tourism revenue for the county is more than £91m.

£40k funding boost for Loch Lomond tourism group

VisitScotland has awarded £40,200 of funding to Love Loch Lomond, a tourism partnership that works to promote the Scottish landmark as a "year-round, must-visit" destination.

The national tourism agency has made the funding available through its Growth Fund and

it will be used for a number of marketing activities, such as new seasonal micro-websites.

A further £15,000 has been pledged by Scottish Enterprise towards the £80,000 programme, with advertising campaigns and representation at travel events also planned.

DfT to mull Liverpool cruise terminal bid

The government has said it is to seek independent advice on a "more appropriate" figure to be paid by Liverpool in its bid to secure permission for cruise liner operators to start and finish in the city.

A Department for Transport (DfT) consultation took place last year looking into Liverpool's plans, which included the repayment of £5.3m from a government grant over a 15-year period.

In a written statement, however, the parliamentary under-secretary for state for transport, Mike Penning, said:

"I find that there are persuasive arguments that this level of repayment would be insufficient to reflect the adverse impact on competition with other ports."



Liverpool only has consent for liners using the city as a stopping point

Southampton City Council is opposing Liverpool's bid for consent to start and end liner routes, with the Hampshire city catering for two-thirds of the UK's cruise trade.

Scottish Thistle Awards to celebrate excellence in tourism



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is chief executive of VisitScotland

Does your tourism business pride itself on providing impeccable customer service; outstanding visitor experiences; or brilliant creative campaigns? If the answer to that question is yes, it's time for you to enter this year's Scottish Thistle Awards.

The Scottish Thistle Awards, which are co-ordinated by VisitScotland, are designed to celebrate excellence and quality within the tourism industry. Now in their 20th year, the awards have undergone a major transformation and, after extensive industry research, they have changed to incorporate four new regional events and a revamped final ceremony.

The four regional award areas will be the Highlands and Islands; the North East; the South and Central East; and the South and Central West, with the winners from each category moving forward to represent the region at the final awards ceremony. The regional celebrations are scheduled to take place in May and the final Scottish Thistle Awards event takes place in November.

In the Highlands and Islands region, the Scottish Thistle Awards team is currently working with the already successful Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards (HITA). Starting from last November, the responsibility for managing the regional Scottish Thistle Awards in the region has been the responsibility of HITA.

The awards are open to all businesses, either based in Scotland or who have a Scottish product which has an association with Scottish tourism. There are 12 categories to choose from and businesses can enter as many categories as are applicable to their individual achievements.

New categories included in this year's Scottish Thistle Awards are: Best Hotel; Best Guest House or Bed and Breakfast; Best Self-Serve Accommodation; Best Café, Bar or Restaurant; Best Visitor Attraction; Best Cultural Event; Best Sporting Event; Best Shopping Experience; Best Nature Based Experience; Training and Skills Development Award; Tourism Entrepreneur Award; and Marketing Campaign of the Year Award. Details: <http://lei.sr7a=R5Qib>

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British Museum nets £10m grant

The British Museum has been awarded a £10m grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards the completion of its new World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre (WCEC) in central London.

It is among four UK heritage schemes to secure a share of £15.5m from the HLF and will bring some of its most important collections back on site at Bloomsbury.

In addition to an exhibition space, the new WCEC will also incorporate science laboratories; storage facilities; and conservation studios. 'Behind the scenes tours' are also proposed.

HLF chair Dame Jenny Abramsky said: "The centre will vastly improve the British Museum's ability to care for the most fragile parts of its collections in the best possible conditions and will get more people involved in its work."



The British Museum's new WCEC is expected to be completed next year

Other schemes to receive funding include a new Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre due to open in Stirling, Scotland, in 2014 (£3.94m); a new learning centre at Porthcurno Telegraph Museum in Penzance, Cornwall (£1.4m); and a nationwide learning programme to be rolled out by Puppetlink (£240,000).

£4m boost for English museums/galleries

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the Wolfson Foundation have announced that 36 museums and galleries in England are to receive a share of £4m.

Among grants confirmed by culture minister Ed Vaizey was a £140,000 award for the renovation and redisplay of Manchester Museum's Birds and Insects gallery. Other recipients include Hampton Court Palace (£150,000) for a new permanent display of Baroque art and furniture, and the London Transport Museum (£100,000) for a new gallery.

Oxford's Ashmolean Museum (£215,000); the British Museum (£200,000); and Chatham Historic Dockyard (£300,000) also receive funding towards a wide range of projects.



Hampton Court Palace landed £150,000 towards a new Baroque display

Vaizey said: "This shines a light on the breadth and diversity of museums and galleries. The Wolfson Foundation has an ongoing dedication to improving museums and galleries across the whole country."

MA criticises planned national wellbeing measures

The Museums Association (MA) has raised concerns that new indicators set to be used for measuring national and individual wellbeing will not consider cultural engagement.

MA policy head Maurice Davies described the measures as "flawed" for failing to take into

account participation in arts, culture and heritage, as well as sport or lifelong learning.

Data is to be gathered by the Office for National Statistics, which last year published details of the indicators it will use to gauge wellbeing. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=W2v8q>

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Taylor quits Wales Millennium Centre post

Cardiff's Wales Millennium Centre (WMC) has revealed that chief executive Mark Taylor, who was appointed to the role less than two years ago, has stepped down.

In a statement, the venue said Taylor – former commercial and venues director at London's Barbican Centre – had left in order to pursue other event and leisure sector opportunities.

Taylor said: "We have decided as a family to make this move. I have really enjoyed my time at the centre and I wish the team and the centre every future success."



The work was one of six shortlisted for the plinth

Fourth Plinth's latest artwork to be unveiled

A sculpture depicting a child on a rocking horse, created by Elmgreen and Dragset, will be unveiled at Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth in London next month.

London mayor Boris Johnson commissioned the Scandinavian duo's work – *Powerless Structures, Fig 101* – last year to replace Yinka Shonibare's *Nelson's Ship in a Bottle* last January.

The sculpture was one of six shortlisted as part of the Fourth Plinth programme, with another – Katherina Fritsch's *Hahn/Cock* – to take up residence in 2013.

£5m arts academy opens at Preston College

A new £5m visual and performing arts academy has opened at Preston College in Lancashire, which will provide a new home for the institution's creative arts courses.

BBC North head Peter Salmon helped unveil the new venue, which incorporates a 100-seat theatre; industry standard studios for a range of disciplines; and art and 3D design rooms.

Preston College head of visual and performing arts Jason Turton said: "Our new facility is a superb addition to the college's visual and performing arts provision."

£37m ACE funding up for grabs

Arts Council England (ACE) has announced the launch of its new £37m Creative people and places fund in a bid to help increase opportunities in areas where levels of involvement are currently low.

More than 70 locations across the country in the lowest 20 per cent of arts engagement have been identified by the organisation using the *Active People* survey to benefit from support.

Around 15 programmes in those areas will now benefit from grant worth between £500,000 and £3m in a bid to create new opportunities and increase participation in artistic activities.

Artistic excellence and an ability to engage communities are central to successful bids. ACE is also planning to invest in schemes that encourage long-term, local collaboration.



IMAGE: HEARTHUTHERSON.COM

The fund aims to increase arts participation in areas of low engagement

ACE chief executive Alan Davey said funding is only available for three years, but would be looking for bids with a long-term vision.

"We'd like to see applicants articulating a 10-year ambition for the communities they're working with that will transform how people experience and access the arts," he said.

New puppet theatre and museum for Cumbria

An art gallery located near Hutton-in-the-Forest, Cumbria, has received £300,000 from Arts Council England towards the development of a new puppet theatre and museum.

The purpose-built facility at Upfront Gallery is believed the first of its kind in England, with

flexible seating for up to 140 people and offer a young people's theatre company.

It is hoped that touring puppet theatre groups will visit the venue once open, while a museum at the site will exhibit Upfront Gallery's own collection of puppets.

More funding for V&A at Dundee scheme

An additional £1.75m worth of Scottish Government funding has been made available for the Victoria and Albert (V&A) at Dundee scheme over the next three years.

The revenue funding was confirmed by culture secretary Fiona Hyslop as preparatory work started at the site of the Kengo Kuma and Associates-designed attraction.

Hyslop said the additional contribution will go towards supporting "key" activities such as developing education programmes and mapping out exhibitions among others.

The Scottish Government is investing a total of £15m in capital funding towards the £45m construction cost of the V&A at Dundee, as well as the £1.75m revenue funding.



The iconic waterfront museum is scheduled to open in Dundee in 2015

Hyslop said: "The V&A at Dundee is an international cultural project which has the potential to bring great benefits to the city and the whole of Scotland."

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Matthew Pinsent (left) helps a fit-out work starts

LOCOC takes control of London's Olympic Village

The Olympic Delivery Authority has handed over the Olympic Village to the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOC).

Work has now started on fitting out the apartments and wider village site before athletes and officials arrive in six months' time. The development will house up to 16,000 competitors during the Games.

ODA started work in 2008 and completed the 2,800 apartments on time. After the Games, the site will comprise 11 residential plots with gardens and courtyards.

£4.5m Manchester stadium plans progress

FC United of Manchester's (FCUM) plans to build a new £4.5m stadium and community facilities at the Ronald Johnson Playing Fields in Moston have progressed.

Planning permission has already been approved by Manchester City Council, with a feasibility study now concluding that the proposed site is suitable for development.

FCUM is currently working alongside Moston Juniors Football Club to deliver the scheme, which is to include a 5,000-capacity venue with a full-size artificial pitch and two junior grass pitches.

Olympic Development Corporation to be created

The Olympic Park Legacy Company is to be reformed as a Mayoral Development Company (MDC) after the plans received the backing of the London Assembly.

London mayor Boris Johnson put forward the proposals, which now go before Parliament. The MDC will oversee all future development of the Olympic Park site.

Areas to be covered in the mayoral development area include the core Olympic Park, which includes land currently owned by the Olympic Park Legacy Company and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

RFL agrees deal to buy Bradford stadium

Odsal Stadium, the home of Bradford Bulls, will be bought by the Rugby Football League (RFL) after a deal was agreed to add the venue to the governing body's portfolio.

According to the RFL, the acquisition is designed to protect the stadium against recent "predatory approaches" and the club are to continue using the ground as tenants.

The RFL currently has no plans to create a new national stadium for rugby league at the site, despite a long-standing vision for the creation of a 'Wembley of the North'.

Instead, the national governing body aims to focus on safeguarding the venue's future after proposals for a sporting village development were put on hold due to the downturn.



The deal aims to protect Odsal Stadium against "predatory approaches"

RFL chair Richard Lewis said: "This arrangement is absolutely the right thing to do because it safeguards the future of one of the sport's most famous stadia."

CWG takes control of Wood Wharf

Canary Wharf Group (CWG) has taken over full ownership of the Wood Wharf Partnership (WWP) and a 250-year lease for the mixed-use development in London.

The purchase has seen the investment group combine its existing 25 per cent holding with the 75 per cent stake held by joint venture partners, British Waterways and Ballymore Properties.

CWG has taken on control over the timing and design of the 16.8-acre (6.8-hectare) scheme, which is located



The development site is located adjacent to the Canary Wharf complex

adjacent to Canary Wharf and includes five commercial buildings. Rogers, Stirk, Harbour and Partners are behind designs for the development, which will also include a waterside park; a hotel; restaurants; bars; and cafés.

CWG chair and chief executive Sir George Iacobescu said: "This mixed use development

will set new, world-class standards for design, sustainability and community integration.

"The acquisition terms are attractive for land with planning consent adjacent to Canary Wharf which will benefit from Canary Wharf's considerable existing infrastructure and be complemented by Crossrail from 2018."

Pickles rejects £200m Project Pinewood plans

Plans for a £200m mixed-use development at Pinewood Studios, centred around a working and living community for the creative industries, have been rejected by the government.

Communities secretary Eric Pickles has refused permission for Project Pinewood,

having already been turned down by South Buckinghamshire District Council in 2009.

A multi-use community venue, sports facilities and a cinema would have formed part of the scheme at Iwer Heath, Buckinghamshire. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=eoH8N>

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The Governors of The Compton School and Barnet would like to put in place a new long-term arrangement between The Compton School and a provider for the future investment in and development and management of the Leisure Centre. There may also be potential for the development of land adjoining the Leisure Centre. As part of any new arrangements that are put in place, the current agreement between Barnet and GLL for the management of the Leisure Centre will be terminated by agreement and it is envisaged that The Compton School will be granted a lease of the site by Barnet, from which it will grant a sub-lease to the successful provider.

Further details about the opportunity, the Governors' objectives and how to apply are set out in the Information Pack for the Invitation of Expressions of Interest and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire ("PQQ"). Potentially interested providers with suitable experience are invited to download a copy of the Information Pack from www.thecomptonschool.co.uk. A copy of the Information Pack can also be provided on request by contacting Lulla Orphanou on lulla.orphanou@thecompton.org.uk

PQQ forms are required to be returned by 6th March, 2012.

The Governors will review any responses to the PQQ and will then select a short list of potential providers who will be invited to submit formal tender proposals. **The Governors hope that any contract will be awarded by 1st June, 2012.**

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The estimated cost of the work is £320,000 excluding VAT. Procurement will be via the open procedure using the JCT Intermediate Building Contract with Contractors Design.

The current programme anticipates completion of the scheme by the end of August 2012.

Gloucester City Council has produced a Specification and Design Criteria document along with construction drawings that have been used to obtain planning permission. These are to be developed further by the Contractor to ensure that facility will achieve UK athletic certification.

Expressions of interest and subsequent queries to: procurement@gloucester.gov.uk the closing date for the submission of tenders is 15th March 2012

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Springboard has already had mentoring of the highest quality from executive chef David Owens, who has made it something of a crusade to ensure anyone under his tutelage inherits skills of the highest order. Similarly, Springboard's Summer School programme, which has run in the Cardiff area for seven years, has been given the chance to look at expanding the work experience programme in hospitality to tie in with the development of business that Just Perfect have planned. This ensures candidates can see the food service management side of the industry as well as the more traditional hotel and restaurant operation.

The long term strategy for Springboard and Just Perfect is to create an alliance that not only promotes indigenous produce and the best way to use it, but also integrates employment opportunities for people as the company expands its contract base and helps address employment issues affecting not only Wales, but the whole of the UK.

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YMCAfit merges with Northern Fitness

YMCA Fitness Industry Training (YMCAfit) is planning to expand into northern England following a merger with the health and fitness units of Professional Fitness and Education (PFE).

Leeds-based PFE will now become part of YMCAfit and operate under the YMCAfit name. YMCAfit will retain all 13 PFE staff, including Christine North-Minchella – the owner of the PFE brand.

North-Minchella will take the role of YMCAfit Regional Manager for the North of England while all PFE students will become YMCAfit students.

Denise Page, director of YMCAfit, said: "As well as expanding PFE's profile and reach this will enable PFE students to take advantage of



YMCAfit director Denise Page said the move will expand PFE's reach

a whole host of additional YMCAfit courses. We particularly value the local expertise which PFE tutors can bring and believe there's a real synergy between our two organisations."

CIC backs cultural sector skills report

The Creative Industries Council (CIC) has endorsed a new report outlining a series of recommendations for the improvement of training and talent development for people working within the sector.

Skillset, the sector skills council for the creative industries, was formed by the CIC to look at skills issues.

Among the 17 recommendations for both the sector and the government is the creation of an online professional learning network for employers and individuals.

A reform of the ICT syllabus in schools to comprise computer science, arts and/or a creative subject has also been proposed, along with a single careers resource for the sector.

Skillset chief executive officer Dinah Caine said: "Our report was developed with extensive input from the creative industries, ensuring



Recommendations included reforming the arts syllabus at schools

that its findings are an accurate reflection of the needs and ambitions of the businesses it seeks to help.

"The CIC and Government fully endorsed the report and have charged us with continuing to lead in the implementation of these recommendations." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G9AqQ>

Premier Training International to open five new venues

Premier Training International (PTI) has announced that it will open five new UK venues in the first half of the year as part of an ongoing expansion strategy for the provider.

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If you believe you have the knowledge and skills required for the above role please contact Mrs Liz Denney, Personnel Officer for an application form and briefing profile on 0208 951 6372

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General Manager

We are recruiting for an experienced, dynamic and marketing focused General Manager for our Lime Tree Road, Norwich rackets club.



You will be reporting to the Chairman and responsible for operational day-to-day management of the Club including all financial aspects, its staff and the marketing of the Club.

Duties include:

- Supervising all employees ensuring the highest standards of service are provided to all members and guests.
- Lead the recruitment of all Club staff.
- Develop ways to add membership value and improve the various sports offered.
- Inspire and work with the tennis and squash teams to deliver high standards ensuring member satisfaction maximising retention.
- Chair regular staff management meetings and motivate them to deliver excellent service.
- Ensure the Club's Health & Safety policy is fully implemented and that all key staff are trained.
- Developing membership and marketing strategy, identifying opportunities for increasing membership and implementing the strategies.
- Developing sales opportunities within the Club to maximise income.
- Ensure sound administration and reporting procedures are followed in line with Club practice at all times.
- Ensure that all facilities internally and externally are maintained to a high standard.
- Other duties as may be necessary from time to time, compatible with the nature of the post.

Applicants wishing to apply will demonstrate a proven track record of management within the sports/leisure industry sector. You will be able to lead by example and possess strong business acumen with knowledge and a passion for racket sports being an advantage.

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Applications close 29th February 2012.

Interviews will be held the week commencing 6th March 2012.

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General Manager, *Greenwich Leisure Ltd, Kentish Town - Borough of Camden*
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Operations Manager, *York Conferences Ltd, York, UK*
Duty Manager, *Everyone Active, Spelthorne Leisure Centre, UK*
Trainee Manager Scheme for Graduates, *Greenwich Leisure Ltd, London, UK*
Assistant Manager, *RFC Recreation Club, London, UK*
Personal Trainer Diploma with GP Exercise Referral, *Amnec Training Ltd, South East, UK*
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National Marketing Manager, *Pure Gym Limited, Leeds, UK*
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General Manager, *South Norwood Leisure Centre, Fusion, Croydon, UK*
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You will need to be passionate about health and fitness in order to motivate and mentor our members to help them achieve their goals. You should be a great communicator; have excellent customer service skills; a can do, will do attitude, but above all have a great personality!

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The successful candidate will have a proven track record in sales and marketing, however not necessarily in the Health Club sector.

You will be required to market the club both internally and externally, develop relationships within the local business and residential community establishing Bannatyne's as the market leader in the area.

Getting the most out of your team is essential for success, you will have to lead from the front, deliver results and motivate your team to follow.

To apply please send a cover letter with your CV to the General Manager at Bannatyne Fitness, Houghton Road, Darlington, DL1 1SS or email gm.darlington@bannatyne.co.uk

Three compete for 2012 venues

A shortlist of three bids to become the long-term tenant of the London 2012 Press and Broadcast Centres has been revealed by the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC).

UK Fashion Hub, the Oxyline Group and iCITY are in the running to take over the facilities following the Games and will now enter detailed talks with the OPLC.

A dedicated centre to unite the fashion and textile manufacturing industries is being planned by UK Fashion Hub to include offices, an incubator and a fashion college.

The Oxyline Group has proposed a sports-orientated project in partnership with Loughborough University, including leisure and events space; research areas; and offices.



iCITY is one of the three shortlisted bidders for the 2012 media venues

An Innovation City is at the centre of the iCITY vision, which will include a cloud computing centre; and a centre showcasing UK technology. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=L4QOL>

Parliament passes new live music legislation

Hospitality industry groups have welcomed the news that new legislation has been passed that is designed to help reduce the regulatory requirements for live music performances.

The Live Music Bill also exempts venues - including thousands of pubs with a capacity of

200 or less - from the need to obtain a music for performances before 11pm.

British Beer and Pub Association chief executive Brigid Simmonds said: "The government should implement the bill law as soon as possible - and it could be done by April."

'Milestone' for Greenwich Peninsula

The delivery of the Greenwich Peninsula regeneration programme has reached a "milestone" after a deal to push forward with a housing development was announced.

London mayor Boris Johnson and communities secretary Eric Pickles have brokered a deal that will lead to the start of the next stage of building on the 190-acre (77-hectare) site.

The agreement comprises 1,350 new homes by the end of 2015 and forms part of the wider Greenwich Peninsula regeneration, which will create a residential and leisure district.

A joint venture between Lend Lease and Quintain - Greenwich Peninsula Regeneration Ltd - is currently working with the Homes and Communities to deliver the programme.

Anchored by the O2 Arena entertainment venue, the mixed-use development also includes the new Emirates Air Line cable car



The mixed-use scheme will transform the peninsula

link; a five-a-side football facility; and a proposed rooftop walkway attraction.

Johnson said: "The transformation of Greenwich Peninsula is undoubtedly one of the most exciting development opportunities in London." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=coR5i>

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