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From: Campbell Gerrard [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2008 10:31
To: niall
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Hi Niall. Some of the concerns you raise I hope will be addressed to some degree by the framework. For info, looks like there could be a delay to the strategy going out for consultation. Minister has still not looked at it, and there may be an issue over the need for some form of Strategic Environmental Assessment before it can go out for consultation. I will keep you posted.

Best regards
Campbell

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Sent: 15 August 2008 07:50
To: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Campbell

Thanks for this

For what it's worth, and this is only my personal opinion of course, but I think this Steering Group would have far more credibility if it comprised at least one or two industry insiders - for example: people that earn a living from the sport are one category that spring to mind, the CTC and or bike club reps being others perhaps. Of course the very people you need will often run a mile from these things so people need to be clear if this so called framework is only an end in itself or if there is a genuine drive on the part of the Government organisations you list below to 'allow' a more bottom up approach which will lead to the delivery of tangible benefits. Scottish Cycling's structure and focus on competitive cycling isn't bringing in the type of people you need to get this vital angle.

Another reason I suggest this is because there is a strong public perception a previous so called strategy (Forestry Commissions) was a box ticking exercise which misled many ordinary people, took way too much time - and money and produced nothing of any substance. Furthermore I don't think any of the punters (and they were only present in very small numbers remember) attending the Perth conference genuinely believed the framework and the enlarged steering group would be anything other than an extension of this process.

As I say, only my opinion - please don't feel the need to respond.

Regards

Niall

From: Campbell Gerrard [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 11 August 2008 11:15
To: niall
Cc: Lynda Vince
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Hi Niall, apologies for the delay in responding to you. Picking up on your question below, the steering group is composed of sportscotland, visitscotland, eventscotland, forestry commission Scotland, scottish natural heritage, highlands and islands enterprise, scottish enterprise and scottish cycling, the governing body for the sport. COSLA have also recently confirmed their willingness to get involved. The strategy is just about ready to be released for consultation, and should be with you later this week.

Best regards

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From: Lynda Vince
Sent: 11 August 2008 10:45
To: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: FW: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Hi Campbell

Have you heard from Mr Thomson? If not, could you please answer the query in his email below as I do not have that information.

Thanks

Lynda

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To: Lynda Vince
Cc: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Lynda

Thanks for the explanation - I'll maybe call Campbell on his return.

Meanwhile, can I trouble you one last time and ask who else sits on the steering group?

Cheers

Niall

Niall Thomson

From: Lynda Vince [mailto:Lynda.Vince@sportscotland.org.uk]
Sent: 28 July 2008 16:15
To: niall
Cc: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Niall

Thank you for your response. I will make sure your email details are added to the mailing list to receive an electronic copy of the consultation report when it is available. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let me have a postal address.

The development of this strategy was commissioned by a steering group initiated by the Forestry Commission, Scotland, and comprising various member associations (including sportscotland). The consultation exercise is not actually being carried out by sportscotland. It is being coordinated by Scottish Cycling on behalf of the steering group.

I can confirm that it is the intention of the steering group to publish the consultation report within the 4 - 6 week period as stated in our letter. However, there may possibly be delays that are outwith the control of sportscotland. The Minister, COSLA, and other external agencies are being consulted prior to publication,

and their feedback may have a bearing on this timescale.

I will keep you informed of any changes to this timescale. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss your enquiry further, please contact my colleague Campbell Gerrard who sits on the steering group, on 0131 472 7520. He is on leave this week, but will be back on 4 August.

Regards

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Sent: 18 July 2008 09:35
To: Lynda Vince
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Lynda

I acknowledge your response and obviously I "would like to receive a copy of the consultation report when it is published"

Please could you confirm if Sport Scotland will actually issue this report for consultation within the 4 - 6 weeks you mention below or if it will delay matters further by taking the 12 weeks afforded it by clause a.) ii.)

Your answer will inform my decision on any appeal to Mr Ian Robertson.

Thanks and regards

Niall Thomson

From: Lynda Vince [mailto:Lynda.Vince@sportscotland.org.uk]
Sent: 16 July 2008 14:46
To: niall
Subject: RE: FOI Request: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Dear Mr Thomson

Freedom of Information Request: Report on the Sustainable Delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Thank you for your recent information request, which we considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, 2002, asking for a copy of a Report on the Sustainable Delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland, carried out by Genesis Consulting Ltd.

This report is due to be published for consultation in the next 4 - 6 weeks. Therefore, at this point in time, sportscotland has decided to withhold the information under an exemption in the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 27(1) - Information Intended for Future Publication, which states that:

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(i) a Scottish public authority; or

(ii) any other person,

at a date not later than twelve weeks after that on which the request for the information is made;

(b) when that request is made the information is already being held with that view; and

(c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information be withheld from disclosure until such date as is mentioned in paragraph (a).

If you would like to receive a copy of the consultation report when it is published, please let me know and I will make sure this is sent out to you in due course.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you are entitled to ask us to review our decision. You must make this request within 40 working days of the date of this response, explaining why you think we should carry out a review, stating the request for information to which this review relates, and the name and address of the applicant for correspondence. Review requests should be sent to Mr Iain D Robertson, Director of Finance and Support Services, sportscotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, [REDACTED] EH12 9DQ. Further information on our Freedom of Information procedures can be found on sportscotland's web site under the Freedom of Information section at the end of the home page.

If you are still dissatisfied, you have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. Further details on this process are available on the Commissioner's web site - www.itspublicknowledge.info

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I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email for our records.

Yours sincerely

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From: niall [mailto:niallt@
Sent: 19 June 2008 17:05
To: Lynda Vince
Subject: The sustainable delivery of Mountain Biking in Scotland

Hello Lynda

Could you please mail me a copy of the report that was submitted by Genesis Consulting Ltd.

Thanks and regards

Niall Thomson

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