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From: group-bounces@carronvalley.org.uk on behalf of niall [niall [REDACTED]]
Sent: 12 December 2008 20:30
To: Lynda Vince
Cc: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: Re: [Group] Results of public consultation exercise

Hi Lynda

Thanks for this - very much as I had expected but thanks again for detailing the current state of play.

Enjoy your break.

Regards

Niall Thomson

From: Lynda Vince [mailto:Lynda.Vince@sportscotland.org.uk]
Sent: 12 December 2008 19:31
To: niall
Cc: Campbell Gerrard
Subject: RE: Results of public consultation exercise

Hi Niall

Further to your recent email below, I have spoken to my colleagues again, and can confirm that the consultation was sent to 700 people, and there were 113 responses to the initial consultation exercise. The initial responses were analysed by Scottish Cycling, not Genesis, and sportscotland has not received any feedback report of the results of the consultation.

I understand there is a steering group meeting this coming week, and the consultation exercise will be discussed at that meeting. We may be able to provide further feedback following that meeting.

I hope this information is helpful.

I will be on leave now until 12 January, so if you require further information regarding this, you may wish to contact my colleague Campbell Gerrard, our officer responsible for that area of work.
(campbell.gerrard@sportscotland.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

Lynda Vince

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From: niall [mailto:niall [REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 December 2008 11:07
To: Lynda Vince

23/12/2008

Subject: RE: Results of public consultation exercise

Hi Lynda

My apologies, I obviously didn't make it clear precisely what information I'm looking for however, this process does seem to be unnecessarily confusing.

In answer to your own question - yes, I did review what you are calling the "initial report for consultation" - my request is for the result(s) of the online consultation on that same report.

As I understand it, the steering group only sent the web-link (to complete the online survey) to the hundred or so delegates who attended the Perth conference on 29th January 2008. I know anecdotally that this web-link was also passed to other parties by some of the recipients but I estimate there can only be a few hundred responses at most to collate. I'm sure you can tell me the precise number?

The survey format was short and simple so I presumed that the third party who provided the service (Genesis consulting?) would in turn provide yourselves and the other members of the steering group with a report or with a summary of the results very quickly or that Scottish Cycling would be able to do likewise in a similarly short space of time. I say this because the survey closed some two months ago and the framework itself was supposed to be done and dusted almost a year ago. Given all this I'm sure I'm not alone in wondering why the steering group has no apparent sense of urgency and why they haven't yet provided the delegates with the results of the survey?

You say that Scottish Cycling is dealing with this however, Sport Scotland is a public body, you fund Scottish Cycling and you are a key partner in the steering group that commissioned this work. Can you provide the information I am requesting or can you help answer my questions?

Thanks again and regards

Niall Thomson

From: Lynda Vince [mailto:Lynda.Vince@sportscotland.org.uk]

Sent: 03 December 2008 17:01

To: niall

Subject: RE: Results of public consultation exercise

Hi Niall

It has been some time since I was involved in this, so I would just like to clarify that you did receive the initial report for consultation following your previous request, and it is not this report that you now refer to.

The consultation responses were being collated by Scottish Cycling, not **sportscotland**, and a colleague has confirmed that we have not received a 'public feedback report' as suggested in your email.


I hope this information is helpful.

Lynda

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From: niall [mailto:niall@
Sent: 02 December 2008 16:30
To: Lynda Vince
Subject: Results of public consultation exercise

Hi again Lynda

It's been some months since this exercise was completed and the public feedback compiled into a report for yourselves and the other partners.

Please could you send me a copy of the report.

Thanks and regards

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

Lynda

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From: niall [mailto:niall@

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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:

(1) Information is exempt information if-

(a) it is held with a view to its being published by-
 (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, Edinburgh, 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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From: niall [mailto:niall.██████████]
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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