

# CEO National Council Report

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## 1. CEO Monthly Update

There has been two CEO update since the last National Council meeting and the link can be found below:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/chief-executives-update-july-2023/>

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/chief-executives-update-september-2023/>

## 2. Governance

Elected Director vacancy was completed, and Sally Hughes joined the Board on 30 June 2023, Priya Samuel left the Board on 12 July and that vacancy will be reviewed following the completion of the Chair vacancy.

The 2023 AGM was completed on 8 July 2023, with the Annual Conference taking place in the morning, the AGM after lunch and an open discussion regarding the Chair following. The Board have approved the date for the 2024 AGM as 13 July.

Sport England Code for Sports Governance was submitted confirming our compliance to the original code and with evidence for the seven new areas, the date for follow up was July/August but Sport England have pushed this back to August to October with GAP completion by the end February 24.

JKB has been part of a Project Group with Sport England to look at the feasibility of enhancing local Safeguarding support. This was approved by the Sport England Board and recruitment of Sports Welfare Officers is underway, they will be based in Active partnerships in the local area.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news-and-inspiration/national-network-sport-welfare-officers-announced>

As part of the Code of Sports Governance we are required to have a Sustainability Policy and Strategy, work on this started in August with a working committee being set up from a member of each department within the organisation. We have also instructed BASIS <https://basis.org.uk/> to support us with the delivery of this strategy. We hope to have a first draft for the Board meeting in December.

## 3. Board Meetings

There was a Board Meeting on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2023/08/FINAL-Board-minutes-060623-Redacted.pdf>

There was a Board Meeting on Thursday 28 September 2023

The minutes will be added as soon as they are approved



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#### **4. Major Event Strategy, including World Team Table Tennis Championships 2026**

##### **New Co Development and wider Governance**

It is not intended that the major event strategy, including the WTTTC2026, will operate under the governance of Table Tennis England, in part to ensure its clear focus, but crucially to best protect its financial stability and the investments from third parties including public funding.

A Heads of Terms for a NewCo is being developed with the ITTF and we are on track to present this to the Board for final approval in December.

The NewCo Board is expected to include equal representation from TTE, the ITTF and Independent Directors, one of whom shall be the Chair.

The NewCo will operate within the requirements of the Code for Sports Governance and UK Sport will be invited to attend the NewCo Board when the agenda includes the WTTTC2026.

Each event will have its own Stakeholder Board (UK Sport and GLA will have a place on the WTTTC2026 Board) and again these will operate within the requirements of the Code.

Each event will also establish a Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the first meeting of the WTT Feeder Manchester took place on 14 September.

##### **Public Investment**

UK Sport has committed to invest £1.1m to support the staging of the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships 2026; the Greater London Authority has committed £100,000.

##### **WTT Feeder Manchester and other City interest**

The Board will be aware of the announcement that we will stage our first WTT event at the Manchester Velodrome from 1 – 4 February 2024, with tickets on sale by the end of October.

The four-day event, including a qualifying day, will feature four competition courts and eight practice courts.

The LOC has met, and roles assigned to cover everything from competition, events operations, event logistics, finance, community impact, fan engagement and commercial.

A key part of our event strategy is ‘scaling up’ table tennis locally, and in this case, Manchester will become a major city partner for Table Tennis England and will embed our sport into their sport strategy for the city.

We have also begun to discuss similar opportunities with other parts of the country.

##### **Summary**

Now the excitement of the recent event awards is beginning to settle, our attention is fully focused on establishing the NewCo, appointing its governance structure, meeting all public funding conditions, building the commercial model, and ticketing strategies and recruiting the critical workforce, including a Director of Events.

Alongside this, will be the relationships across the country that will enable the further growth of table tennis in England – more players, stronger table tennis communities, more volunteers engaging with us.

This is incredibly exciting for Table Tennis England and for table tennis in England and I look forward to keeping you informed along the way.

## 5. Actions from the previous National Council Meeting in June

Action	Owner	Timeline
To provide a written statement on the constitution of GBTT	AC	Completed added to the documents on the website
Members to provide their thoughts on the new wording of the Standing Order	National Council	Completed <a href="https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2023/07/National-Council-Standing-Orders-July-23.pdf">https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2023/07/National-Council-Standing-Orders-July-23.pdf</a>

## Outstanding from April Meeting

Action	Owner	Timeline
Code for Sports Governance Action Plan to be shared with Council once finalised with Sport England.	JKB	Anticipated to be October

## In Memoriam

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/obituary-diane-scholer-legend-of-the-sport/>

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/obituary-vetts-shining-light-sue-collier/>

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/obituary-table-tennis-england-treasurer-keith-thomas/>

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/obituary-stan-clarke-liverpool-stalwart-and-international-umpire/>