

PRIME MINISTER

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV: FOOTBALL TRUST

Today's meeting of the Football Trust Working Group decided to allocate the remainder of the £0.5 million budget for closed circuit Television. This means that 36 grounds should now be covered before long. There are no signs as yet that equipment delays will slow down the progress of installation.

The Trust Working Group agreed that all Clubs in Football Divisions 1 and 2, and in the Scottish Premier Division, should be covered, as Popplewell suggests. Something over a further £0.5 million will, therefore, be required, and the Trust is going to seek help from the Pools Promoters Association.

Overall, this is not a bad picture, but there is a problem in that some Division 1 Clubs with bad records have not received allocations from the Trust. If you agree, I shall make clear to DOE that the TV vans and mobile cameras will need to be deployed to cover matches involving these Clubs wherever possible.

*Agreed - would Home
Office consider
introducing the no.
of T.V. vans?
not*

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*Message passed to DOE & HQ.
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As expected, the Football Trust Working Party had a tricky meeting this morning. We recognised that we were fenced in by previous policy and case decisions and of course by the funds available - which were not sufficient for the need and demand. The coverage of clubs could only be extended at the expense of time and by changing the agreed policy, which would require convening the full Trust again. On the other hand, to turn down clubs' applications would be to invite criticism for helping the wealthy (eg Everton, Spurs) at the expense of the less well-off.

The only way out was to find more money. I was pressed for Government help: I said that the Prime Minister had decided at last week's meeting with the football authorities that none would be available for CCTV. The Football League and the Football Association (represented by Kelly and Croker) would not commit themselves. The Secretary reported a suggestion from the Chairman, Lord Aberdare, that we "steal" 1% of the 2% extra from Spotting the Ball given to the Trust for police charges. This would yield an extra £375,000 approximately. Graham Kelly was not sure what the League's attitude would be. After conferring with Lord Aberdare by 'phone, we concluded that there was probably a majority among Trustees for such a change. A Trust meeting has been speedily convened for next week to review funds and hopefully to agree this proposal.

We recognised in any case that decisions had to be made today on the allocation of the £0.5m budget (or, at least, of that amount remaining after the CCTV decisions already taken). We allocated funds to a further 18 clubs, making 26 Football Trust

grants for CCTV in all and 36 grounds covered (ie including those with existing systems and those involved in last season's experiment). The full list of clubs covered by spending under the £0.5m budget is attached.
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We made today's decisions on the following criteria:-

- a. need, in terms of hooliganism problems - which meant we gave some priority to Football League Division 1;
- b. readiness and ability to install equipment speedily;
- c. early season difficult matches.

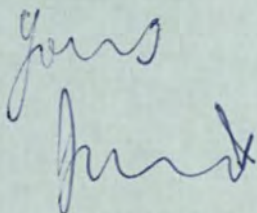
The criteria (b) and (c) affected mainly the judgements on Division 2 clubs. But you should know that Division 1 clubs Nottingham Forest, Ipswich, Watford and Arsenal are left out because of the second criteria above.

The clubs concerned are being telephoned this afternoon and urged to move as quickly as possible.

Finally, we reviewed the funding still needed. Echoing Popplewell, the Working Party concluded that Football League Divisions 1 and 2 and the Scottish Premier Division should have grants for CCTV equipment. There is now a pattern established of clubs getting the full grant of £25,000 from the Trust. On this basis, a further £700,000 or thereabouts is needed.

Before the special Trust meeting next week, pressure will be brought on the Pools Promoters Association for additional funding to make up the shortfall in funding of about £325,000.

Copies of this letter go to those concerned in DOE and to David Campbell (Scottish Education Department), Brian Millwood (Welsh Office) and Dennis Evans (Home Office).



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SPORT AND RECREATION DIVISION

Division 1Division 2Scottish Premier

Chelsea (£12,500)

Huddersfield (£25,000)

Rangers (£12,500)

Westham (£25,00)

Spurs (£12,500)

Portsmouth (£25,000)

Dundee/Dundee Utd

Everton (£25,000)

Millwall (£25,000)

(shared system) (25,000)

Liverpool (£25,000)

Brighton (£25,000)

Celtic (£12,500)

Sheffield Wed. (£25,000)

Sheff Utd (£25,000)

Motherwell (£12,500)

Oxford (£12,500)

Shrewsbury (£25,000)

St Mirran (£12,500)

Birmingham City (£25,000)

Blackburn (£12,500)

Leics City (£12,500)

Luton (£25,000)

Newcastle (£12,500)

QPR (£25,000)

Southampton (£25,000)

TOTAL £262,500

TOTAL £162,500

TOTAL £75,000

NOTE In each column the second group in each list represents decisions made by the Working Party on 8 August.



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pl bfor Thursday 8/8
MBA 8/8CCTV AT FOOTBALL GROUNDS

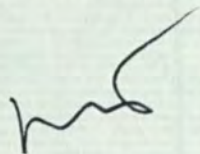
I have had a further word with DOE about this.

At the Football Trust meeting on Thursday, the Trust will be allocating to named clubs sums which will absorb the full £500,000. At that meeting, decisions will also be taken on the basic recommended specifications for the equipment. The named clubs will then be given, as a matter of urgency, authorisation to proceed. The clubs will have to conduct surveys, which can be done within a few days, and to place orders for the equipment.

At this stage it is not anticipated that delivery problems will lead to delays in installing the equipment, and clubs will be urged to make every effort to get it in place in time for the first matches of the season.

If the recommended specification includes the provision of lenses to take still pictures through the video, this particular piece of equipment may take longer to obtain. But it should not hold up the installation of the video cameras themselves. DOE have promised to keep us posted.

We shall get a report on the outcome of the Football Trust meeting on Thursday night.



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