

Adventure UK

AAIAC
Adventure Activities
Industry Advisory Committee

Update on HSE Review Of Licensing and the development of Option 3





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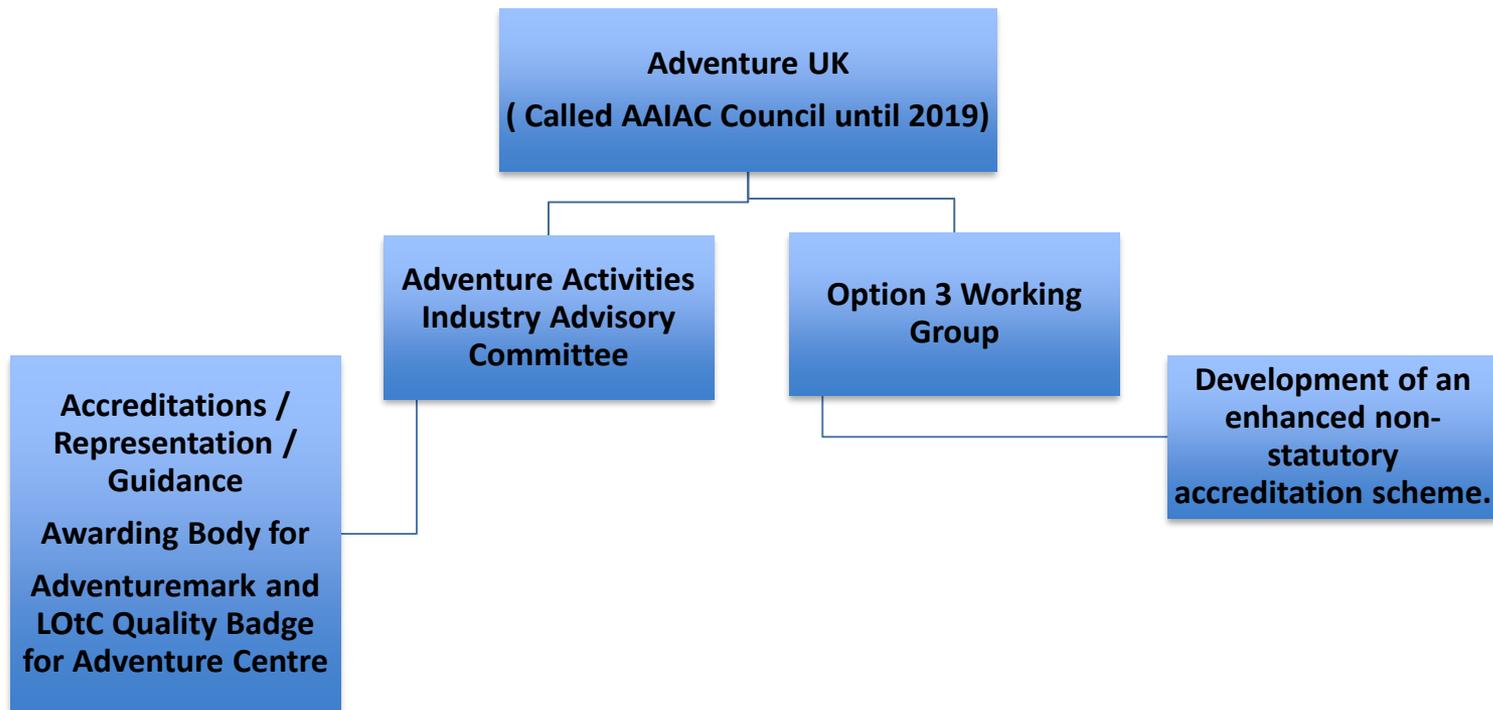
Overview – 2019/2020

- The AAIAC Council/UKAIG merged July 2019 :
- An independent Chair Stephen Sadler appointed
- Constitution based on the existing AAIAC Council
- Governance options being reviewed
- Option 3 Group Work to progress work on an Industry Accreditation to replace AALA and to include aspects of other non statutory accreditations
- Loel Collins from Mountain Training Trust appointed a Project Manager
- A costed business plan is being developed
- A Compliance and Minimum Standards Model is being developed
- Communication with the sector is established and ongoing

Adventure UK Membership

Organisation	Representative
AAIAC Chair	Andy Taylor
Activities Industry Mutual	Sophia Reed
Adventure Activities Associates	Iain Peter
Adventure Industry Northern Ireland	Craig McCullough
Adventure UK Chair	Stephen Saddler
Advisor / observer	Ian Lewis
Advisor / observer	Richard Manchette
Association Heads Outdoor Education Centres	Jim Whittaker
British Activity Providers Association	Paul Kenwright
British Cycling	Dan Cook
Council for Learning Outside the Classroom	Sally Thompson
European Ropes Course Association	Linda Green
Expedition Providers Association	Al Cole
Health and Safety Executive	Frances Kelly
Institute for Outdoor Learning	Al Boyd
Institute for Outdoor Learning	Andy Robinson
Mountain Training Trust	Ruth Hall
Mountain Training Trust	Loel Collins
Mountain Training UKI	John Cousins
Option 3 Working Group Chair	Mike Rosser
Outdoor Council/OEAP	Martin Smith
Outdoor Education Advisors Panel	Dave Scourfield
Overseas Expeditions Industry	Julian Penny
Royal Yachting Association	Amanda Van Santen
Scottish Adventure Activity Forum	Shaun Roberts
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education	Ali Dreyer
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education	Gordon Smith
Scottish Outdoor Consortium	Jane Campbell Morrison
Scout Association	Asa Gurden
Sport and Recreation Alliance	Lisa Wainwright
Sport and Recreation Alliance	Max Nichols
Sport Wales National Outdoor Centre	Steve Morgan
Wales Adventure Tourism Organisation	Paul Donovan
Young Explorers Trust	Graham Derrick

Adventure UK Governance and Working Structure July 2019 →



Option 3 Working Group

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Organisation	Name
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education	Ali Dreyer
AAIAC Chair	Andy Taylor
Adventure Industry Northern Ireland	Craig McCullough
Adventure UK Chair	Stephen Saddler
Association Heads Outdoor Education Centres	Jim Whittaker
British Activity Providers Association	Paul Kenwright
Institute for Outdoor Learning	Andy Robinson
Mountain Training Trust	Loel Collins
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Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education	Gordon Smith
Scottish Outdoor Consortium	Jane Campbell Morrison
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What are we setting out to achieve?

A scheme that delivers the following:



An inspection model that is financially self-sustaining, affordable, and openly governed



A scheme that is supported by the sector, endorsed by HSE and has demonstrable relevance and value (competence and expertise)



A quality mark that grows consumer confidence; recognised and sought out as part of the customers' decision making process; a scheme to provide reassurance to the end user

As a non-mandatory scheme, this is the main driver to grow adoption across the sector



An accessible and supportive approach for engaging with activity providers.

Make the process of becoming accredited and then maintaining it, simple and admin efficient.



Credibility through highly qualified and experienced inspectors (utilising current talent); clear mechanisms for sharing good practice



A branded scheme that encourages growth in participation, quality provision across the sector and wider stakeholders



Robust infrastructure: digital first (online interface), supported by UK-wide business administration team and network of inspectors

More than a quality mark. The scheme should act as a central hub and resource for activity providers and the consumer

HSE Criteria required for an Industry Led Accreditation Scheme

- Be underpinned by the requirements of the **Health and Safety Work etc. Act 1974**
- Meet the **aspirations of stakeholders** and has broad support
- **Maintain current standards**
- Provide sufficient **levels of reassurance** to parents and teachers
- **Reduce the administrative burden** on business
- Provide **better value** for money **for the public purse**
- Allow **mutual recognition** across other comparable existing national governing body schemes
- Be **recognised** and branded **as the industry standard**
- Reach across **UK** borders to include **Northern Ireland**

Decision Makers

There is now a new Minister at Westminster Mims Davies Under Secretary of State for Employment with responsibility for HSE

There is a new Chair of the HSE Board, Sarah Newton.

She was the Minister who approved the HSE working with Adventure UK to develop Option 3.

HSE timeline from Proposal to Implementation

Adventure UK to submit by mid-2021 the Option 3 scheme proposal and business plan to HSE Board for scrutiny against the HSE Criteria and as having a sound Business Plan.

Once HSE Board approves the proposal we enter a 12-week public consultation (this does not include the preparation and analysis time).

Recommendations put to the Minister

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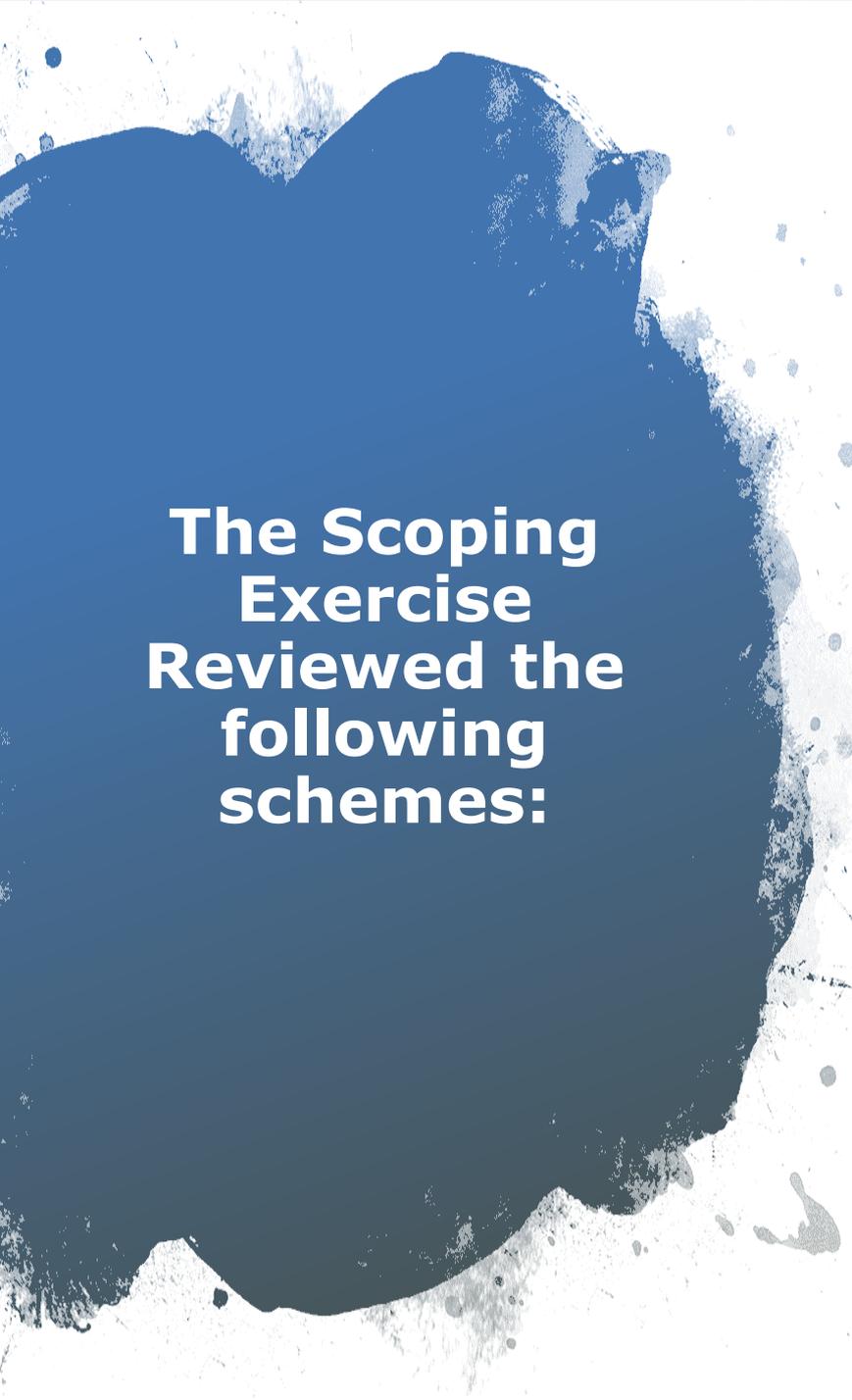
Parliamentary debate to take the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Act off the statute

- time frame un-known

Time frame for transfer of schemes once Parliamentary approval is achieved to be agreed

Aim By 2023-25

If Parliament decides against taking the Act off the statute – Plan B



**The Scoping
Exercise
Reviewed the
following
schemes:**

- 1. Adventure Activities Licensing Scheme (AALS)**
- 2. Adventuremark – Scheme and Direct Route**
- 3. Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge (LOtC QB)**
- 4. Gold Standard Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC)**
- 5. British Activity Provider Association (BAPA)**
- 6. British Canoeing Quality Mark**
- 7. Mountain Training UKI Sole Providers (MTUKI)**
- 8. Expedition Providers Association (EPA)**
- 9. Royal Yachting Association (RYA)**
- 10. BSi8848 British Standards**

Taking into account aspects of existing Industry Accreditations including

- **Facility / Resource related Quality** (accommodation, food hygiene, transport etc.),
- **Safe-guarding**
- **Quality of Learning** related to Activities.”

The benefits include:

- **A clear governance structure**, accountable to the sector.
- **The utilisation of existing Inspectors**, many of who already inspect across other schemes.
- **A UK-wide** endorsed scheme.
- **The flexibility and freedom** to establish the scope of the scheme and the **ability to respond to change** over time.
- **The ability to give feedback and guidance** on the providers whole operation.
- **Aspiring to a single overarching 'badging' scheme**, offering clarity to a wider stakeholder base.
- **Direct management of any contractor**, appointed by the Awarding Body.

The proposed
scheme aims to

Meet the HSE Criteria

and

Enhance the breadth of
any inspection



Questions