



---

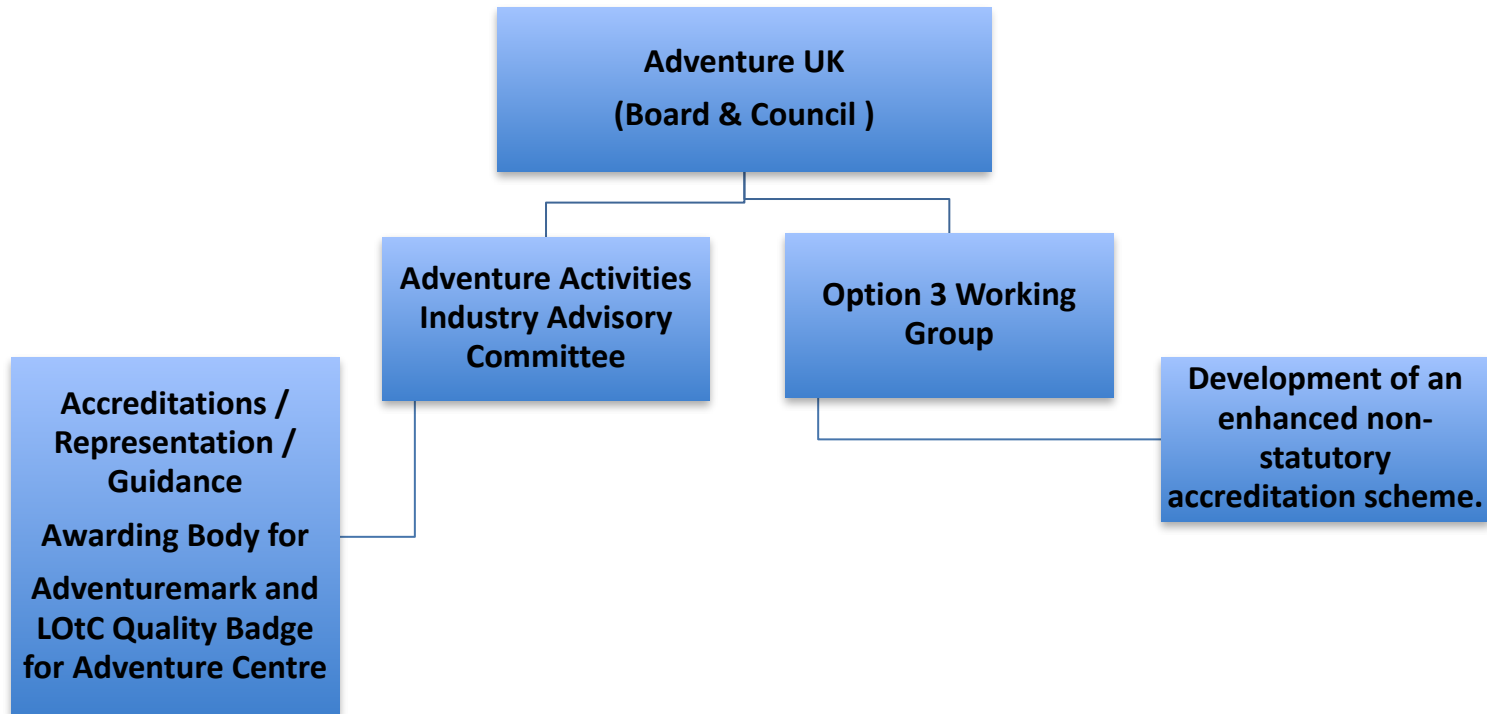
## Update on HSE Review Of Licensing and the development of Option 3

# Adventure UK

## Overview – 2019/2022

- **The AAIAC Council/UKAIG merged July 2019 :**
- **Chair Martin Smith**
- **Constitution based on the existing AAIAC Council**
- **Governance reviewed and AUK Board and Council formed**
- **Option 3 Group Work to progress work on an Industry Accreditation to replace AALA and to include aspects of other non statutory accreditations**
- **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 Governance and Working Structure July 2021 →



Board of Representatives	
Northern Ireland Outdoors	2 Representatives
Scottish Outdoor Consortium	2 Representatives
Outdoor Alliance Wales	2 Representatives
Outdoor Council (England)	2 Representatives
National Governing Bodies	1 Representative
Third Sector	1 Representative
Adventure Providers	1 Representative
Education and Learning	1 Representative

Chair and Vice Chair appointed within the Board and approved annually at the AGM of the membership

# Adventure UK Board Membership

## Chair Martin Smith

Constituency (nominated by)	Name of Board Representative	Date of Appointment	Organisation/Sector
Northern Ireland Outdoors	Craig McCulloch	8 September 2021	
“	Trever Fisher	8 September 2021	
Scottish Outdoor Consortium	Jane Campbell Morrison	8 September 2021	
“	Neil Wightwick	April 2022	
Outdoor Alliance Wales	Paul Donovan	8 September 2021	
“	Steve Morgan	8 September 2021	
Outdoor Council (England)	Dave Squire	December 2021	
“	Gary Burns	8 September	
National Governing Bodies	John Cousins	8 September 2021	Mountain Training
Third Sector	Asa Gurden	8 September 2021	Scouts
Outdoor Education and Learning	Andy Robinson	8 September 2021	IoL
Adventure Tourism	Graham Derrick	8 September 2021	Expeditions

# AUK Council

Organisation	Member Observer Advisor	Representative
<b>Chair</b>		<b>Martin Smith</b>
Activities Industry Mutual	A	Sophia Reed
Adventure Activity Associates	A	Iain Peter
Adventure Activity Industry Advisory Committee	M	Andy Taylor
Adventure Industry Northern Ireland	M	Craig McCullough
Adventure RMS	O	Tim Morton
Association Heads Outdoor Education Centres	M	Dave Squire
British Activity Providers Association	M	Paul Kenwright
British Cycling	M	Dan Cook
Chair O3WG	M	Mike Rosser
Council for Learning Outside the Classroom	O	Anne Hunt
European Ropes Course Association	M	Linda Green
Expedition Providers Association	M	Mark Brazier
HSE	A	Frances Kelly
Individual	A	Ian Lewis
Institute for Outdoor Learning	M	Andy Robinson
Mountain Training Trust	O	Ruth Hall
Mountain Training UKI	M	John Cousins
Outdoor Alliance Wales	M	Paul Donovan
Outdoor Council	M	Martin Smith
Outdoor Education Advisors Panel	M	Gary Burn
Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education	M	Neil Wightwick
Scottish Outdoor Consortium	M	Jane Campbell Morrison
Scout Association	M	Asa Gurden
Sport and Recreation Alliance	M	Max Nicholes
Sport Wales National Outdoor Centre	M	Steve Morgan
Young Explorers Trust	M	Graham Derrick

# Option 3 Working Group

Mike Rosser	Chair	
Asa Gurdon	Scout Association	SA
Andy Robinson	Institute for Outdoor Learning	IoL
Craig McCullough	Adventure Industry Northern Ireland	
Neil Wightwick	Scottish Advisory Panel Outdoor Education	SAPOE
Jane Campbell Morrison	Chair Scottish Outdoor Consortium	SOC
Dave Squire	Association Heads of Outdoor Education Centres	AHOEC
Graham Derrick	Young Explorers Trust	YET
Paul Donovan	Wales Adventure Tourism Organisation	WATO
Paul Kenwright	British Activity Providers Association	BAPA
Andy Taylor	Adventure Activity Industry Advisory Committee	AAIAC
Kim Hudson	Council for Learning Outside the Classroom	LOtC

**The Scoping  
Exercise  
(2017)  
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**

## 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**



**The proposed  
scheme aims to**

**Meet the HSE  
Criteria**

and

**Enhance the  
breadth of any  
inspection**

t

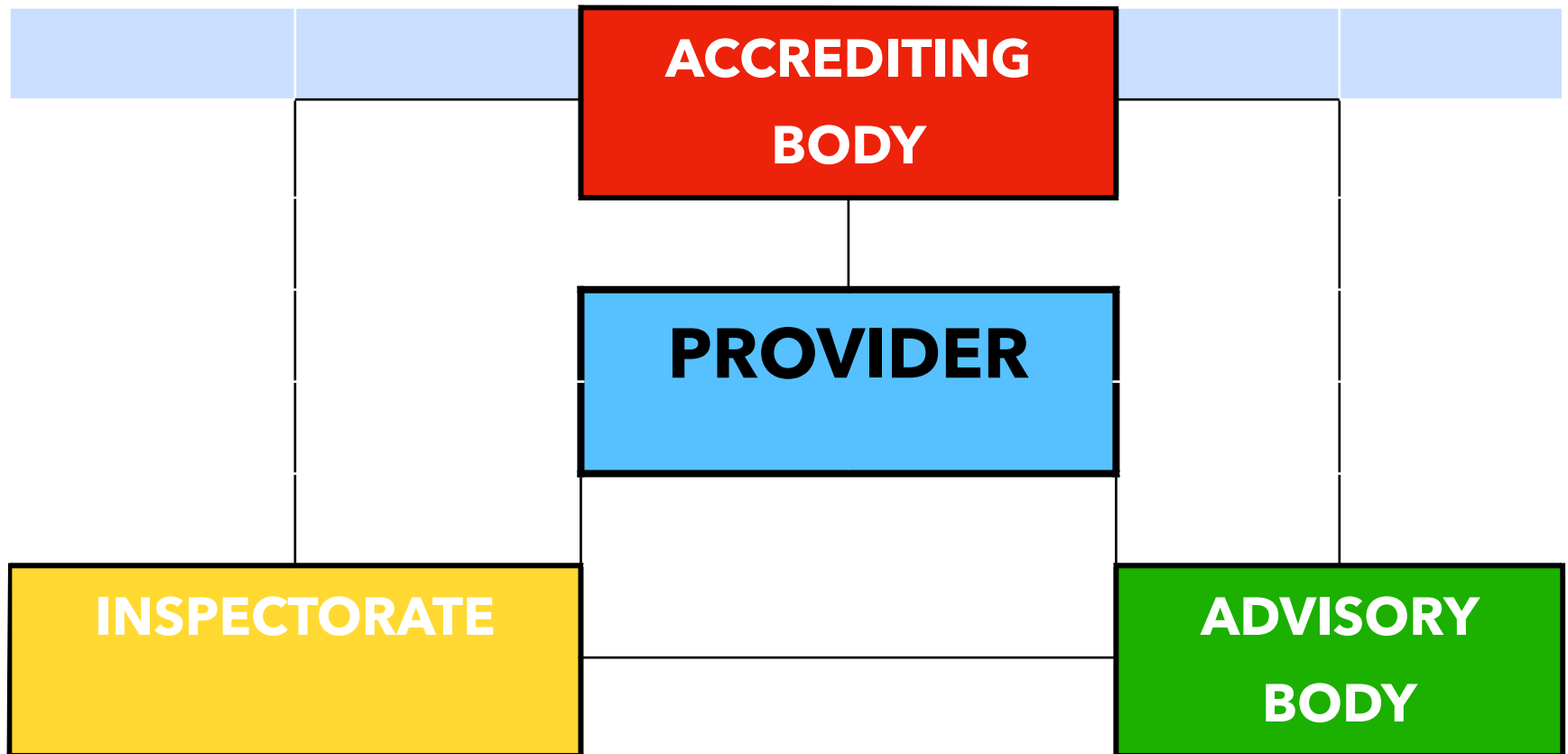
**Taking into account aspects of existing Industry Accreditations including**

- **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.

- ACCREDITING BODY - Adventure UK
- INSPECTORATE [To be determined via a tender and procurement process]
- ADVISORY BODY - Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee



# Scheme Proposal

- **Health, Safety and Risk Management**
- **Operational**
- **Facilities**
- **Learning and Development**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Customer Care**
- **Environmental**
- **Review and Development**

- **Adventure Activity health, safety and risk management**

- Competency of instructional staff
- Risk management
- Technical advice
- Operational and emergency procedures
- Effective internal and external communications
- Provision
- Equipment

- **Adventure Activity Operational Requirements, including liabilities**

- Daily operations
- Insurance
- Safeguarding
- Informed consent and medical declaration

- **Adventure Activity Operational Requirements, including liabilities**

- Daily operations
- Insurance
- Safeguarding
- Informed consent and medical declaration

- **Facilities - compliance and management (only where applicable)**

- Transport
- Food safety and allergy recognition
- Fire risk
- Accommodation and washing facilities
- Utilities
- Site operations and maintenance

## ○ **Learning and Development**

- The learning experience
- Inclusivity and flexibility
- Monitoring and reviewing processes

## ○ **Customer Care**

- Client/Participants needs
- Effective means of client/participant communication
- Products and services
- Administration, including data protection and financial systems
- Complaints

## ○ **Leadership, management and professional services**

- Effective leadership and management
- Monitoring, evaluating and developing employees provision
- staff recruitment and protection

## ○ **Environmental Sustainability**

- Environmental awareness and sustainable practices

## ○ **Review/Developmental Cycle**

- Continuous development and improvement

**Online Consultation  
of UK Membership  
September/October  
2022**

**Does the scheme meet  
your needs?**

**Would you opt into a  
non statutory scheme?**

**Does the scheme allow  
your buisness to  
develop?**

# Who makes the decisions to Remove AALA Regulations

**Minister at Westminster Mims Davies Under Secretary of State for Employment with responsibility for HSE**

**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 early-2023 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**



# HSE timeline from Proposal to Implementation

**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 2025**

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



# Questions