



## **MAR COUNTIES CONSULTATION - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

County Associations play a critical role in the fabric of our sport and will play an extremely important part in the successful execution of the Bowls England 2021-26 Strategy Fit for the Future.

Bowls England is evolving as an organisation and investing its resources in different areas. It is keen to engage beyond the bowls community, wants to embrace a digital-first approach and is communicating directly with clubs and bowlers. As Bowls England is changing and with new demands that come from the strategy, it is important for County Associations and clubs to reflect on the role they play, their capacity and capability to support our strategy for our sport.

As Bowls England is developing and delivering an implementation plan for the Governance Working Party's recommendation, the board would like MAR to consult with Counties Associations on what the future looks like for them.

### **Scope of Work**

- To assess the Counties role in the 'Fit for the Future' strategy.
  - To identify where Counties are currently supporting the delivery of the strategy and where they are well equipped to deepen or expand their role.
  - To identify where Counties are not well-placed to deliver the strategy and what support they may need.
  - To explore the regional variations to endeavour to develop a greater consistency of County delivery.
- Explore County Governance and alignment with GWP work
  - To understand the County Associations governance models and the extent to which it is consistent with Sport England's view of good governance.
  - To explore ways in which County Associations might evolve their governance to become more effective in delivering their role in the 'Fit for the Future' strategy
- To shape the County Associations relationship with Bowls England
  - To identify the critical interfaces between County Associations and Bowls England.
  - To explore how Bowls England can offer more support to County Associations.

### **Accountability**

MAR shall be accountable and provide recommendations to the Bowls England Board.

### **Membership and Proceedings**

The MAR will be made up of the members as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

### **Timescales**

Meetings shall be held every 4 weeks. It is hoped that a report would be produced for the November 2022 board meeting.