



**POLICY DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO SPORTSCOTLAND UNDER SECTION 26(1) AS READ WITH SECTION 26A(1)(A) OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY ETC. ACT 1993 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL LOTTERY ACT 1998**

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the power conferred by section 26(1) as read with section 26A(1)(a) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993<sup>1</sup>, and having consulted with sportscotland pursuant to section 26(5) of that Act, hereby give the following directions:

1. In determining the persons to whom, purposes for which and the conditions subject to which they apply any money under section 25(1) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 in Scotland, sportscotland must take into account the following matters:

A. The need to ensure that money is distributed under section 25(1) for projects that promote the public good and which are not intended primarily for private gain.

B. The need to ensure that money is distributed under section 25(1) to projects that make real and sustainable improvements to the quality of life of the people of Scotland.

The principles of:

- Engagement – the development of programmes should be based on the active engagement of public, private and third sector partners, as appropriate;
- Cohesion – ensuring that individuals and communities across Scotland have the opportunity to contribute to, participate and benefit from a more successful Scotland;
- Sustainability – to improve Scotland's environment today and for future generations while reducing Scotland's impact on the global environment;
- Additionality – the development of programmes should complement and add value to the strategies of partners and stakeholders;

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<sup>1</sup> The function conferred on the Secretary of State was transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1750).

- Collaboration – where possible the outcomes of projects and programmes should benefit from effective collaboration between public, private and third sector partners.

C. The need to ensure that **sportscotland** considers applications which relate to the complete range of activities and, in respect of which it has the power to distribute money taking into account:

- The assessment of the needs of sport and physical recreation its priorities in addressing them.
- The need to ensure that all parts of Scotland have access to funding.
- The scope for reducing economic and social deprivation at the same time as creating benefits for sport and physical recreation.

D. The need to promote access to sport and physical recreation for people from all sections of society and the need to promote health benefits, knowledge of, and interest in, sport by children, young people and adults.

E With reference to and guided by Scottish Government, the need to continue increasing participation and performance in Scottish sport and physical recreation.

F. The need to set specific time limits on the periods in respect of which grants are payable, whether for capital or revenue expenditure.

G. The need:

(a) in all cases, for applicants to demonstrate the financial viability of the project for the period of the grant;

(b) where capital funding is sought:

(i) for a clear business plan incorporating the need for resources to be available to meet any running and maintenance costs associated with each project for a reasonable period, having regard to the size and nature of the project; and

(ii) to ensure that project evaluation and management process for major projects match those of the Cabinet Office's Gateway Reviews.

(c) in other cases, for consideration to be given to the likely availability of other funding to meet any continuing costs for a reasonable period after completion of the Lottery award, taking into account the size and nature of the project, and for Lottery funding to be used to assist progress towards financial sustainability.

H. The need to ensure that **sportscotland** has such information as it considers necessary to make decisions on each application, including independent expert advice where required.

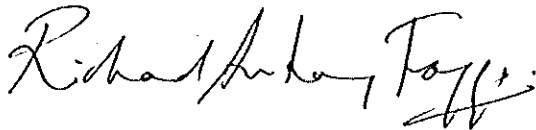
I. The need to include a condition in all grants to acknowledge Lottery funding using the common Lottery branding.

J. The need to keep the Scottish Government informed of the development of policies, setting priorities and making grants.

K. The need to operate within the distinctive policy context in Scotland, adding value where appropriate to Scottish Ministers' strategy; with the development of opportunities for everyone to flourish within a more successful and sustainable Scotland.

2. All previous directions made under the powers cited are revoked.

Signed on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

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Richard Foggo  
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The Scottish Government

