Clubs and communities wider evaluation Foreword

This evaluation is the third of our 'wider' evaluations. These look in depth at how the programmes we deliver alongside our partners support the sporting system. We commissioned Research Scotland to carry out an independent evaluation of our range of support within the clubs and communities environment.

We would like to thank those staff who are employed in our 'supported' posts, stakeholders, club leaders and club members who took part in the evaluation. We value their contribution.

Purpose of the evaluation

This evaluation looks at the range of support we offer along with partners through Community Sport Hubs, Scottish Governing Bodies for Sport regional posts, Direct Club Investment, Sports Facilities Fund, Awards for All and Help for Clubs.

The evaluation provides insight into what is working and how we can work together to develop and improve how we support the development of the sporting system in Scotland.

Our Response

We welcome the findings. These demonstrate the impact of our support in the clubs and communities environment. This evaluation adds to the growing evidence base of data and independent evaluations, providing a robust picture of how the work we deliver alongside partners contributes to the Scottish sporting system.

We will use this evidence base to inform our next planning cycle, which we are developing across 2018.

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