

SPORT FOR LIFE

A vision for sport in Scotland

**2026 / 2027
Additional
Government
Investment**



Agenda

- Timelines and approach
- Investment and work strands
- Communications
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Timelines

Dates	
13 January	Draft Budget Announcement
27 January	Strategic Forum
w/c 2 Feb	Working groups established
13 Feb	Initial draft proposals in progress
25 Feb	Budget Approved by Parliament
16 Feb – 6 March	Socialise proposals with key partners
20 March	Finalise proposals
23 March	Update Strategic Forum for Sport
27 March	Wider Sector Update
1 April	Integrate investment into existing SGB / LA process where possible
April - Sept	Partners developing proposals for submission / consideration

Approach

Scottish Government	Sign Off
sportscotland Board	Approval
Strategic Forum for Sport	Overview
Partner working Group	Design
sportscotland	Implementation
Partners	Delivery
All	Monitor / Review / Report

Budget Allocation – Summer of Sport

One Off – non-recurring except Swimming monies

Core work strands	Focus	Budget Allocation 2026/27	Lead
Summer of Sport Opportunities for children and young people age 3 to 26 years, to help them get active, stay active and improve their lives.	sportscotland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to Local Authorities (Leisure Trusts) • National partners and SGBs • Glasgow 2026 activation • Activation to support and profile activity 	£12m £1.75m £1.0m	Bob / Ailsa
	Football Activation (Scottish Government in partnership with Scottish FA)	£2m	SG Sponsor Team
	Movement for Health Coalition	£1m	SG Sponsor Team
National Primary School Swimming Programme	National Schools Swim Framework developed by Scottish Swimming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - based on previous pilots that tested delivery models - discussions ongoing between sportscotland, Scot Swimming, Scottish Government and COSLA to finalise approach - further update to partners in due course. 	£2m	Scot Swimming, sportscotland , COSLA, Scot Gov
Total		£20m	

Budget Allocation – Core

Core work strands	Focus	Budget Allocation 2026/27*	Lead
SGBs	Core costs (allocation to all funded SGBs)	£3m	Dawn McA
	Growth / Innovation projects	£3m	Geraldine/Rob
	Pathways / SGB programmes	£2m	Stuart F
Club and Community Sport	Support to clubs with a focus on more paid posts in coaching, governance, and administration	£5m	Gary R
	Expand the Club Development Officer network / CSHs	£2.5m	James S
Commonwealth Games Scotland	Additional support to Team Scotland and Commonwealth Games planning / support	£1m	Phil R
Core costs	Monitoring & evaluation , planning, business continuity, inflationary pressures (internal and external)	£1.5m	Forbes D
Active Scotland	Active living - wider physical activity	£2m	SG Sponsor Team
Total		£20m	

Communication

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Next steps and questions