

Government increasing support for sportscotland

Sports in Scotland to receive additional support for grassroots through to performance

The Scottish Government will increase **sportscotland's** core funding by £2 million in 2018-19, from £29.7 million to £31.7 million, to prioritise the development of sport within Scotland.



In addition to this, the Scottish Government has also pledged to underwrite any potential shortfall in National Lottery funding for **sportscotland** of up to £3.4 million.

Minister for Public Health and Sport Aileen Campbell said: “The budget for **sportscotland** will increase by £2 million. Through this we will continue to invest in our communities, clubs and schools which will include a specific focus on equalities ensuring the world-class system is for everyone. Our additional support to make up £3.4 million of the anticipated shortfall in National Lottery funding will provide certainty in the absence of action from the UK Government, and will build on the decision we took to continue business rates relief for sport and leisure centres.

“In recent years we’ve seen some good progress, with more women and girls participating in sports, but there is still more we can do to get women involved in sports from grassroots right up to performance levels, which is one of the reasons why this increase in funding for **sportscotland** is so significant.

“Supporting sports development in Scotland is of huge importance – being more active can contribute positively to

areas such as mental and physical health and I would like to see more people taking advantage of the facilities on offer to them and getting more active in 2018.”



Mel Young chair of sportscotland was honoured at the City Chambers in early 2017 when the Lord Provost presented him with the 2016 Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award.

Commenting on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget Bill, **sportscotland** Chair Mel Young said:

“It is encouraging that in the 2018/19 Draft Budget the Scottish Government has increased **sportscotland**’s core grant by £2 million. We firmly believe in the power of sport and have worked hard with our partners to create a world-class sporting system. This settlement is extremely good news for sport in Scotland

“**sportscotland** is delighted that the Scottish Government has pledged to underwrite up to £3.4 million of potential National Lottery losses, as this provides stability for the sporting community for the foreseeable future.”