

# **New appointment at sportscotland**

**sportscotland has named Scottish Swimming Chief Executive Forbes Dunlop as its new Chief Operating Officer.**

sportscotland Chief Executive, Stewart Harris, said the role would be crucial in shaping the future of the organisation. He said: "I am delighted to have someone of Forbes' calibre joining the senior team here at sportscotland. Forbes has done an excellent job at Scottish Swimming and brings with him a wealth of experience of the sporting system which will be invaluable as part of this new role."

sportscotland Chair, Mel Young, also welcomed the appointment. He said: "The Board is very familiar with Forbes and the fantastic work he has done during his six years at Scottish Swimming. This is an exciting time for sport in Scotland and we very much look forward to working with Forbes in this new role"

Graeme Marchbank, the Chair of Scottish Swimming, said : "On behalf of the Board of Scottish Swimming I would like to thank Forbes for the contribution he has made to the development of Swimming in Scotland.

"Forbes has been at the helm of Scottish Swimming for the last 6 years, a period which has seen year on year membership growth delivered through member swimming clubs, Scottish athletes competing to the highest level of the sport in swimming, para swimming and diving and the rollout and adoption of the National Learn to Swim Framework across Scotland which now supports over 75,000 young people learning to swim.

“This is an amazing opportunity for Forbes and we are excited about the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on the wider Scottish sporting community.

“Forbes leaves a hugely experienced and skilled team at Scottish Swimming who will continue the great work with our members and partners. He leaves the sport in excellent health.”

Forbes will take up his new post mid-April. He said: “I have thoroughly enjoyed working for Scottish Swimming, it has been a real privilege to work with such a talented and dedicated group of staff and volunteers, their hard work alongside that of our local and national partners is why swimming continues to make progress and enjoy success at all levels of our sport.

“I would like to thank the staff, our members and partners for all their support and I wish them the very best in continuing to develop swimming in Scotland.

“The role with **sportscotland** is a really exciting one and an opportunity for me that was just too good to pass. I am very much looking forward to working with Stewart and the team and playing my part in developing a world-class sporting system in Scotland.”