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### GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SECURED FOR GLASGOW 2026 GAMES CONCEPT

Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) has secured support from Scottish and UK governments for its proposed plan for hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

In April, CGS revealed details of an innovative, cost-effective and sustainable concept for the Games that could see a scaled back, but high-quality Games being delivered without the need for public funding, utilising existing facilities in the city.

Since then, CGS has further developed plans with the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and other stakeholders - including both the Scottish and UK governments - to ensure that the Commonwealth Games' high standard of competition can be achieved within the designated budget.

CGS welcomes the support and commitment from both governments which ensures that a 2026 Games in Glasgow has taken a significant step forward to being realised. CGS will now finalise discussions with wider Games stakeholders over the coming weeks and a formal announcement will follow on successful conclusion of the formal process.

**Ian Reid CBE, Chair of Commonwealth Games Scotland, said:** "Today Glasgow 2026 is one step closer to becoming a reality and we are delighted that both the Scottish and UK governments have backed our proposal.

"We have been clear from the outset that our Games concept for Glasgow 2026 aligns with the CGF's strategy to make the Games more accessible for future hosts, whilst ensuring that public funds are not required. Glasgow is one of the few cities in the Commonwealth that can deliver on time given its world class facilities, experienced workforce and strong supply chain.

"This is a really exciting opportunity and we will be working hard over the coming days to bring the final pieces of the puzzle together. I would like to thank both the Commonwealth Games Federation and Commonwealth Games Australia for their confidence and financial contributions to the project, which have ensured that the Games can continue, that public funds will not be required and which delivers a significant economic boost to the City of Glasgow and to Scotland."

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

### About the Concept

- The Games concept that has been developed can be delivered within two years and for a budget of £115 million, with no ask of public funds. Alongside that core budget is a significant contingency allowance to deal with any risks through the planning and delivery journey.
- The Games would be funded by £100million from the Commonwealth Games Federation as part of the Victoria financial settlement towards the cost of the Games. The balance would be funded predominantly by commercial income (ticketing, sponsorship, broadcasting etc).
- The Games would be expected to deliver a Gross Value Added of £100-200 million, with additional spending from outside the UK of at least £100million.
- The CGF mandate the inclusion of two compulsory sports – athletics and swimming – with the remaining sports determined in consultation with the CGF.
- Glasgow has a range of excellent facilities developed for Glasgow 2014 and other events. Some overlay may be required in venues (e.g. temporary stands, surface work etc) but there is no requirement for new facilities to be built.
- The concept assumes use of existing accommodation options, mainly hotels, rather than developing a purpose-built Games village.
- The sport programme for the Games has still to be finalised and will be confirmed in the coming weeks, following engagement between the CGF and International Federations.

### About Commonwealth Games Scotland

- Commonwealth Games Scotland is one of 74 Commonwealth Games Associations who are members of the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- Commonwealth Games Scotland is the lead body for Commonwealth sport in Scotland, and is the organisation responsible for selecting, preparing and leading Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games.
- Scotland has competed in every Games since the first Empire Games in 1930 and has hosted the Games three times: - twice in Edinburgh 1970 and 1986 and most recently in Glasgow in 2014.
- Scotland's most successful Games were at home at Glasgow 2014, when Team Scotland won a record 53 medals (19 gold, 15 silver and 19 bronze) to finish fourth on the medal table, closely followed by Birmingham 2022 with 51 medals.
- Working closely with Scotland's national governing bodies of sport and the sportscotland institute of sport, Commonwealth Games Scotland aims to have the best prepared team possible at every Games, creating the right performance environment and giving athletes every opportunity to excel at the Games, as part of a world class sporting system.
- Commonwealth Games Scotland and its member sports rely on investment, including National Lottery support, from sportscotland, the national agency for

sport. CGS also actively seeks additional support for team preparations from commercial partners, fundraising activities and the Commonwealth Games Endowment Trust.

#### About the Commonwealth Games Federation

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) is the organisation responsible for the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games, and for delivering on the vision of the Commonwealth Sports Movement: through sport, they build peaceful, sustainable and prosperous communities across the Commonwealth.

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