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Dear Laura

SPORT WALES REMIT LETTER 2012-13

I am writing to set out Sport Wales' Remit for 2012-13 which establishes the key policy priorities for the coming year and provides a funding allocation for the purposes of delivering those priorities.

Sport Wales will continue to play a key role in delivering the Welsh Government's Programme for Government and its aim to ensure that culture and sport thrives in Wales and opportunities for the people of Wales to lead active and healthy lives are made available.

As you know, it is a personal aim of mine to eradicate child poverty and to create life chances for young people across Wales and particularly in our most deprived communities. I am aware that you are developing a Child Poverty strategy to complement your new Community Sport Strategy, both of which will create opportunities for sport to have a positive impact on children and young people's lives. In my short time as Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Sport, I have seen first hand how sport can change young people's lives by helping them to develop their confidence and their skills in leadership, as well as providing them with opportunities to lead active lives and to realise their sporting potential. I am looking forward to seeing how the increased emphasis you placed on equity, access and community engagement in your 'Vision' will contribute to our overarching aims for and commitments to children and young people in Wales.

In addition to you having a duty to set out your priorities to tackle child poverty, I strongly encourage you to continue working with other public sector and third sector organisations. I

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want to see Sport Wales continuing its involvement with our Communities First Programme, targeting services, where appropriate, at the most deprived areas of Wales. I want to see the inclusion of the work carried out in Communities First areas, and in particular the work with the developing Communities First Cluster areas, in quarterly and annual reports. By strengthening these links, the Welsh Government aims to maximise the potential to pool resources in delivering services which will contribute to reducing the gaps that exist between families living in low-income households and their more affluent peers in terms of health, education and skills, and economic outcomes.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The overarching responsibilities of Sport Wales in 2012-13 will be to facilitate and support financially or otherwise, activities that increase levels of participation in sport and physical activity and achieve success on the world sporting stage. In doing so, Sport Wales should be guided by the Welsh Government's '*Programme for Government*', '*Climbing Higher*' and the Physical Activity Action Plan: "*Creating an Active Wales*", and by its '*Vision*' and strategies for Volunteering, Elite Sport and Community Sport.

Through its funding agreements with its key delivery partners - local authorities, governing bodies and the private and voluntary sectors, Sport Wales should prioritise its funding and encourage a strategic, joined-up and efficient approach to maximise the value of the public investment in sport and physical activity for able and disabled people to ensure they benefit from our actions.

PRIORITIES FOR SPORT WALES IN 2012-13

Continuing Priorities:

- Advise and support local authorities in setting and delivering visionary plans and delivering the agreed outcomes within local ***Creating an Active Wales Plans*** through their **Local Authority Partnership Agreements**.
- Facilitate and support programmes and actions to **increase participation** in sport and physical activity across all age groups, including adults and priority target groups, through an evidenced based and results focused investment strategy.
- Implement the **Elite Sport** Strategy to deliver success for Wales at the highest levels in international sport. I look forward to seeing the benefits of Sport Wales' targeted approach and continued success at the highest level in our priority sports.
- Work innovatively and encourage innovation among key partners and stakeholders to achieve efficiencies and to **raise income and attract investment** from other public and non-public bodies.
- Work with the Welsh Government and key stakeholders to delivering an effective, efficient and sustainable local, **regional and national network of facilities** for sport and active recreation.

- Invest in growing a skilled and valued **workforce** that helps deliver our broad outcomes for sport and physical activity.
- Work closely with the Assembly Government's Major Events Unit (MEU) and UK Sport to encourage appropriate Welsh governing bodies to develop long-term plans for hosting **major events** that align with the Elite Sport Strategy.
- Align and invest your resources with maximum effectiveness, efficiency and accountability and ensure that appropriate and robust indicators are in place to **manage the performance** of your delivery partners against agreed outcomes.
- Assist and support the Sports Policy Branch in providing **specialist, accurate and timely advice** and information to Welsh Ministers and senior officials.
- Work closely with the Welsh Government on joint **communication planning** to promote the policy priorities for sport and physical activity in Wales.

New priorities:

- Develop and implement a **Community Strategy** with sufficient and appropriate focus on:
 - improving the delivery of physical literacy and young people's physical learning;
 - strengthening the links between schools and communities;
 - complementing Sport Wales' Child Poverty Strategy by using sport and physical activity to regenerate individuals and communities and to target resources at those in greatest need;
- Within the context of the Elite Sport Strategy, consider how existing curriculum and extra curricular based programmes, activities and schemes (such as PE, More Able and Talented, PESS, Play to Learn, Dragon Sport etc.) might be developed to enhance **the talent system(s)** in Wales.
- Work with Sports Policy Branch officials, the Welsh Local Government Association and local authorities to implement the **Simpson Compact**.
- Deliver the Welsh Government's commitment to extend the **Free Swimming** initiative to veterans and serving armed forces personnel on leave.
- Develop and refine your **corporate and business planning** in consultation with Sports Policy Branch officials.
- Support the effective delivery of **Gemau Cymru** in 2012 to maximise its profile and impact on the performance pathway of participating sports.
- Support the development of **evidence-based policy** by working closely with Welsh Government officials to ensure that the outcomes and performance indicators in the Programme for Government are fully reflected in your corporate and business plans; and in developing your research and evaluation programme.

GRANT IN AID FUNDING

The Welsh Government will provide Sport Wales with Grant in Aid funding of £25.130m for 2012-13. The budget is set out in detail below.

Grant in Aid Budget Allocation

	Plans 2012-13 (£000s)	Indicative Plans 2013-14 (£000s)	Indicative Plans 2014-15 (£000s)
Revenue	24,006	23,743	23,789
Running Costs	1,390	1,327	1,327
Current Expenditure	26,100	25,900	25,946
Current Receipts	(3,484)	(3,484)	(3,484)
Capital	345	345	345
Capital Expenditure	400	400	400
Capital Receipts	(55)	(55)	(55)
Non-Cash	779	779	779
Depreciation	779	779	779
TOTAL GIA	25,130	24,867	24,913

The total grant-in-aid represents the maximum provision and is resource based. The amount provided for 2012-13 is the total approved grant-in-aid, while the sums provided for 2013-14 and 2014-15 are indicative amounts.

Payment of grant-in-aid continues to be on condition of compliance with the contents of the Framework Document. Sport Wales' Running Costs for 2012-13 should not exceed £1.390m.

Within the Current Expenditure budget, £3.5m is provided to implement the 60+ Free Swimming scheme and the extended Free Swimming scheme for children and young people.

PLANNING

I expect to see the policy priorities within this letter reflected in your Business Plan for 2012-13. I would encourage you to discuss an early draft with your sponsor division as soon as possible to ensure final approval and sign off in April 2012. Your Corporate Plan for 2011-2016 should be updated to take account of the budget allocations and policy priorities within this letter and submitted to your Sponsor Branch by 30 June 2012.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

Sport Wales' performance will be measured by its progress against the following outcomes and performance indicators in the Programme for Government:

Outcome Indicators

- % of people participating in sport or active recreation
- % of adults actively involved in volunteering in sport (including coaching)

Key Performance Measures

- Number of free public swims and number of free structured aquatic activities made by children and young people aged 16 and under, and those aged 60 and over.
- Number of adults actively involved in coaching and volunteering.

and by the agreed outcomes and performance indicators in your corporate and business plans.

Alongside the measurement framework you have in place to monitor the performance of your funded partners, I would encourage you to work closely with Welsh Government officials in developing your research and evaluation programme to actively support the development of evidence based/informed policy.

The arrangements for monitoring Sports Wales' progress against the remit letter and your Business Plan will continue in the form of quarterly meetings at official level and our six monthly meetings. I would like you to provide a report on your performance in 2011-12 in advance of our summer meeting and a report on your 2012-13 half year performance in advance of our autumn meeting.



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