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Dear Lawrence,

I am writing to set out the Welsh Government's remit for Sport Wales for the remaining period of our programme for government, from 2018-19 to 2020-21. Before I do that, I would like to thank you and the Board for your leadership and the Sport Wales staff for the professionalism and dedication you have demonstrated in what was a difficult and challenging time for the organisation last year.

Sport Wales should continue to set well-being objectives which maximise its contribution to achieving the goals of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and in a way that satisfies the sustainable development principle. The investments you make and the activities you facilitate and support should bring to life our aspiration to change the lives of the people of Wales and to create a prosperous future for generations to come.

The priorities for the period of the remit are set in the context of 'Taking Wales Forward' and 'Prosperity for All'. Our commitments, informed by our well-being objectives, provide an opportunity to find fresh solutions to the challenges faced by Wales. They demonstrate how we are acting and working differently to support individuals to do well in all stages of their lives.

Sport Wales continues to deliver an important function to create and facilitate sport and physical recreation opportunities for the people of Wales in a sustainable way. The sector also makes an important contribution to growing Wales' economy through the social return on investment in sport and the economic value of volunteering, skills development and employment. Innovation and entrepreneurship are key features of the calls to action to help

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businesses overcome the challenges of the future. By considering how sport is presented through services and products and what skills the workforce require to attract and retain people's interest in participation and spectating, the sector can help deliver the Welsh Government's economic goals, as set out in 'Prosperity for All: economic action plan'.

During the term of this Remit Letter I expect the recommendations of the Independent Review of Sport Wales (July 2017) to be implemented in full. I also expect you to continue the work you have started with Public Health Wales to increase people's levels of physical activity by Developing long-term priorities and actions with shared performance measures.

I expect your 2018-19 Business Plan to include the following priorities:

- The development of a collaborative Vision for Sport in Wales, followed by a long-term Sport Wales Strategy.
- A revised approach to measurement and evaluation, and insight and innovation to support the delivery of the new strategy.
- Consider the findings and take forward any agreed actions from the evaluations of the national programmes undertaken in 2017-18.
- Collaborate with partners to maximise opportunities to promote Year of the Sea.
- Continue to explore the potential for a new model for community sport across Wales.
- Support and provide strategic advice into the implementation of the review of elite and community sports facilities and Welsh Government's commitment to modernise and widen access to sports facilities.

During 2018-19, you should develop a Corporate Plan for 2018-21 that will deliver the following commitments, objectives and outcomes:

Commitments

- Encouraging and facilitating opportunities for more people to be active at every stage of their lives.
- Sport Wales to continue to work with Education to ensure children have the best start in life by encouraging and supporting schools to develop pupils' physical literacy and well-being.
- Investing effort and resources where it is needed most, where there are significant variations in participation and where there is a lack of opportunity or aspiration to be active.
- Helping sport to continue to nurture, develop and support talent to deliver success that inspires people and reinforces our identity as a sporting nation.
- Supporting the sector to achieve a greater impact with public investment, to adapt, become more resilient and demonstrate better its contribution to our national well-being goals and objectives.
- Exploring the use of technology and innovation to engage and re-engage people in sport and to maintain their interest and enthusiasm for as long as possible.
- Develop proposals for a new Challenge Fund which embraces innovation and technology to deliver an increase in sports participation and explore a partnership with Public Health Wales to combine it with a Well-being Bond to create a joint fund aligned to the Healthy and Active objectives of Prosperity for All.

Objectives

- People in Wales live physically active and therefore healthier lives
- Children and young people have the motivation, physical skills, knowledge, understanding, and opportunities to take part in physical activity for life
- Wales is recognised internationally as a successful sporting nation
- Sport Wales is an exemplar organisation driving a culture that promotes well-being, equality, and sustainability

Outcomes

- More people meeting the Chief Medical Officers physical activity guidelines
- More people undertake sport and physical recreation on 3 or more occasions per week.
- An increase in sport and physical recreation participation by those most in need or disadvantaged.
- A system that delivers continuous elite sport success while ensuring the safety, well-being and welfare of all sportsmen and sportswomen.

Confirmation of your grant-in-aid for the 2018-19 financial year and an indicative budget for 2019-20 is at Annex A.

Yours sincerely,



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GRANT IN AID FUNDING

The Welsh Government will provide Sport Wales with Grant in Aid funding of £22,422 for the 2018-19 financial year and an indicative budget of £22,421 for 2019-20. The indicative budget will be subject to confirmation following the annual Budget Planning Round later this year.

Grant in Aid Budget Allocation

	Plans 2018-19 (£000s)	Indicative Budget 2019-20 (£000s)
Revenue (near cash)		
Running Costs	1,327	1,327
Current Expenditure	23,686	23,686
Current Receipts	-3,700	-3,700
Total Revenue (near cash)	21,313	21,313
Capital		
Capital Expenditure	330	329
Total capital	330	329
Non-Cash		
Depreciation	779	779
Total non cash	779	779
TOTAL GIA	22,422	22,421

The total grant-in-aid represents the maximum provision and is resource based. I expect Sport Wales to adhere to these budget line figures as far as possible and to report any projected changes as soon as possible through the quarterly monitoring meetings. Payment of grant-in-aid continues to be on condition of compliance with the contents of the Framework Document.

Sport Wales' performance will be measured by its progress against the strategic priorities within this Remit Letter and its Business Plan, and the agreed commitments, objectives and outcomes in its 2018-21 Corporate Plan.

The arrangements for monitoring Sport Wales' performance and progress will continue in the form of regular meetings at official level and our meetings. I would like you to provide a report on your performance in 2017-18 in advance of our summer meeting and a report on your 2018-19 half year performance in advance of our autumn meeting. Similar reports for the remaining years of the remit will also be expected.