

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 May 2026
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Summer of Sport
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Executive Committee of the draft programme of events being proposed across South Lanarkshire using the Summer of Sport funding from Sportscotland

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the programme of planned events, as shown in Appendix 1, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. Following the recent confirmation of the Scottish Government Budget on 25 February 2026, sportscotland will be allocating local partners a one-off, single-year investment for the Summer of Sport.
- 3.2. This £12 million budget will be distributed across all 32 local authorities to celebrate and capitalise on a spectacular Summer of Sport, providing accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities for children and young people.
- 3.3. South Lanarkshire Council will be allocated £713,000 for the 2026/2027 financial year. This allocation is based on a funding formula agreed by sportscotland, the Scottish Government and COSLA. Funding should be utilised from June 2026 to March 2027.
- 3.4. The intent of the policy is to provide free or reduced cost activity, inclusive opportunities for children and young people aged 3-26 to get active, stay active and improve their lives, with a particular focus on reducing barriers to participation and addressing poverty-related inequality. At present, it is envisaged that the activities across South Lanarkshire will be free. The investment is designed to strengthen pathways into sustained participation in school, club, and community sport. The key principles of the funding centre on partnership, co-creation, inclusion and sustainability.
- 3.5. Clubs affiliated with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture's (SLLC's) Club SL programme will have the opportunity to apply for grants to deliver to targeted groups in line with the guidance supported by sportscotland.

4. Programme of Events

- 4.1. SLLC, as the Council's lead partner in sport and physical activity, have played a key role in developing a draft programme of events, in partnership with officers within Education Resources, which aligns with the priorities set out within the Summer of Sport guidance. A copy of the draft programme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.2. Programme communications will be delivered by the SLLC marketing team in conjunction with the Council's communications team, connected directly with the Summer of Sport Marketing via sportscotland to ensure branding and one-off funding aligned.

5. Governance

- 5.1. Arrangements will fall in line with the existing sportscotland reporting framework which consists of both a financial performance tracker, which is signed off by South Lanarkshire Council's Head of Finance, and the Active Schools Monitoring Outcomes Report. This is in addition to both South Lanarkshire-specific and regional liaison meetings with the SLLC sportscotland Partnership Manager.

6. Monitoring of Performance

- 6.1. To understand the impact of the Summer of Sport funding, local authorities will be asked to use existing data collation methods to provide information on a focused set of data relevant to the funding. Information such as, but not limited to:
 - ◆ number and range of delivery partners
 - ◆ number and range of sessions delivered
 - ◆ number of children and families engaged (including % from target groups)
 - ◆ number of new coaches and volunteers engaged.
- 6.2. This will be supported by a national participant survey and a proposed wider externally commissioned evaluation which partners may be asked to engage in.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. There are no employee implications. It is anticipated that the rollout will be mainly handled from within the current SLLC structure. However, there will be a number of fixed term contracts in addition to assist with both programming and delivery.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There is an allocation of £713,000 from the Scottish Government for the Summer of Sport rollout in South Lanarkshire.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no climate change, sustainability and environmental implications.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. There are no risks or other implications as a result of this report.

11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 11.1. There are no impact assessment or consultation requirements as a result of this report.

Kevin Carr
Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Appendix 1

Activity	Target Group	Key contact	Partner
Ice skating	Universal	Stephen Fisher	SLLC
Heritage Park (Boating activities and education sessions with raft building, water activities/water safety)	Universal/Care Experienced YP	Garry Rodmell	SLC
Outdoor Learning & Adventure (Kayaking, abseiling, water sports, camping)	Targeted -Referral basis via social work/YCFL referral	Scott Russell	YCFL
World Cup Inspired Football sessions	Universal - SIMD/Rural focus	Active Schools	Education
Commonwealth Games multi-sports	Universal /Club focused	Sports Development	Scottish Governing Bodies/Residents groups/3rd sector
Golf	Universal /Targeted	Colin Girvan	YCFL
Coach Education	Universal /Targeted	Barbara Clark Steven Percy	Employability/ Scottish Governing bodies
Employability opportunities	Lifeguard Swim Teacher Dancer Leader Lead Sports Coach	Active Schools Sports Development	Leadership enhancement PE Departments/ Education
Local Club memberships through CubSL (affiliation/governance process)	Targeted	Clubs & Communities team	Clubs Scottish Governing Bodies
Club funding grants /Our Place our Plan Groups	Universal	Clubs & Communities team	Sportscotland Scottish Governing Bodies OPOP groups
Sporting Equipment to all schools in South Lanarkshire	Universal	Active Schools	Education
Youth Family Community Learning offering to widen service offer	Access to wide range of service for free	Michelle Turnbull	YCFL
Bespoke offering via mapping Utilising our current data to ensure areas of low income, ASN and care experienced groups have activities located within communities.	Focus on activities utilising spaces connected to communities Memberships	Libraries/Leisure Centre/community halls	SLLC Communities and Education team Our Place Our Plan groups

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Leadership	Enhancing our current offer: Sports Coach Academy Dance Leaders Netball Academy Sports Leaders Young Peoples Sport Panel Volunteering	Active Schools	PE departments /Scottish Governing Bodies
ASN Offering Enhancement	Enhancing our current programme ASN ACE Offering Holiday club support for families Christmas holiday support for families Considering wider offering to ensure equipment/staff training can ensure all ASN pupils have opportunities	Active Schools/Sports Development /Health Team	Education /Social work /NHS
Development Officer Administration Officer Casual (non-contracted) recruitment where needed (9months)	Ensuring compliance with ClubSL Adding clubs/Groups as suppliers on Fusion Monitoring and evaluation in line with Sportscotland Funding criteria.	The funding will be managed by Michelle Turnbull (Active Schools and Outdoor Learning and Adventure Manager)	SLLC Youth Community Family Learning Health (NHS) Education Social Work Scottish Governing Bodies Sportscotland Fire and Rescue Our Place Our Plan groups Additional partners tbc

Wider experiences	Away day experiences for targeted groups		Education
Outdoor Recreation	Assistance with football pitch openings (on grass) to ensure nets/lines are available	Andy House	Housing & Tech