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IAN REID CBE APPOINTED CHAIR OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES SCOTLAND

Commonwealth Games Scotland is delighted to announce the appointment of Ian Reid CBE as the organisation's new Chair.

Reid will bring a wealth of relevant experience to the role, having served as Chief Financial Officer of the Glasgow 2014 Games and more recently as Chief Executive Officer of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. He has also worked in numerous non-sports positions, including roles with PwC, EY and Glasgow Housing Association.

He joins at an exciting juncture for the organisation, with the Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games in August and planning underway for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games as Team Scotland looks to build on a successful Birmingham 2022 performance from our athletes and sports.

The Scot has been appointed for a four-year term following an open recruitment process, and replaces outgoing Chair Paul Bush OBE, who completes an eight-year tenure at the Commonwealth Games Scotland AGM in late May.

Ian Reid CBE said: "I'm extremely proud to be appointed as the new Chair of Commonwealth Games Scotland.

"The Commonwealth Games means a lot to me personally and professionally. Having worked on both the Glasgow 2014 and Birmingham 2022 Games, I have seen first-hand how a successful Team Scotland can galvanise and inspire a nation.

"To have the opportunity to chair an organisation responsible for putting a team from my home country into the largest multi-sport event we can compete in will be a genuine honour.

"With Trinbago 2023 less than 100 days away, and a new delivery model of Victoria 2026 to prepare for, there is a lot to look forward to and I can't wait to get started.

"I look forward to meeting my fellow board members, CGS staff, member sports and other partners in the coming weeks and months as we build our plans together for the upcoming cycle."

Outgoing Chair Paul Bush OBE said: "On behalf of Commonwealth Games Scotland I am delighted to welcome Ian to the role.

"His knowledge and experience of the Commonwealth Games and sport in Scotland will be of great benefit to the organisation as it moves towards the Victoria 2026 Games.

“I know from my own experience how rewarding the role can be and I am sure he will relish the opportunity to lead the team over the next four years alongside a very supportive board and our wider partners.”

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About Commonwealth Games Scotland

- Commonwealth Games Scotland is one of 72 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.
- The Commonwealth Games is the only multi-sport event in which Scots can compete as Scotland.
- 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.