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Glasgow 2026 Delivering Reimagined Commonwealth Games at Pace and on Track for Success

Glasgow, Thursday 26 February 2026 - With less than 150 days to go until Glasgow 2026, the final Commonwealth Sport Coordination Commission (CoCom) meeting has confirmed strong progress as preparations move into full Games readiness. The milestone also reinforces Glasgow's growing reputation as a major events powerhouse, driven by the strength of partnerships across the city.

CoCom members noted the significant success for the wider Commonwealth Sport Movement, with Glasgow 2026 recognised as the first full delivery of Commonwealth Sport's reimagined Games model - demonstrating a more agile, environmentally sustainable and partnership-led approach to hosting major events.

Glasgow is acting as a critical bridge to the future, with Amdavad now appointed host of the 2030 Commonwealth Games, translating the Games Reset into practical delivery while helping build confidence for future hosts.

Held in Glasgow, the meeting reviewed progress across operations, social impact, partnerships and commercial planning as the city prepares to welcome athletes, officials and fans from across the Commonwealth from 23 July to 2 August 2026.

The CoCom reaffirmed that the Organising Company is moving through the final detailed planning phase into Games readiness, building on the positive outcomes of its previous visit, where it commended the collaborative approach and pace of delivery.

Key highlights from the meeting include:

- **City and Venue Readiness:** Planning for venue preparation across Glasgow's existing world-class facilities continues at pace, with all partners fully engaged. There's confidence in Glasgow Life and Scottish Event Campus to deliver a fantastic sports programme. The city has stepped up with focussed efforts from Glasgow City Council, Glasgow's Colleges and Universities, Police Scotland and transport providers.
- **Team Registrations Underway:** Teams are being finalised and registrations have begun, marking a major milestone in the preparation cycle as Commonwealth Games Associations confirm athlete entries. Next month, Glasgow welcomes Chefs de Mission from all 74 Nations and Territories for final orientation and Games time planning.
- **Commercial Programme Momentum:** The commercial programme continues to build momentum with recent sponsorship agreements strengthening the Games' portfolio. Recent announcements include BYD as the Games' first electrified Fleet Partner and Allwyn as Volunteer Learning and Development Partner.
- **Community Engagement:** Glasgow 2026 has successfully launched *All In*, designed to inspire participation and engagement. Meanwhile, the Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund received an overwhelming response, underlining strong public appetite to be part of the Glasgow 2026 Festival.
- **Social impact and Legacy:** The Story of Change is Glasgow 2026's commitment to ensuring the Games benefit communities, businesses and partners across Glasgow and beyond. This smart, flexible and sustainable model creates a blueprint for major

event delivery that will continue to unite, inspire and engage people across the Commonwealth.

The Commission also recognised Glasgow’s successful adoption of a refreshed delivery model, drawing on industry expertise and world-class supply chains to strengthen operational capability and accelerate the transition from planning into Games-time readiness.

CoCom members thanked the Organising Company, and everyone involved, for their unwavering commitment. They acknowledged that the approach, grounded in collaboration, sustainability and innovation, is delivering against expectations with progress on schedule and aligned to the Games’ strategic objectives.

Dr Donald Rukare, Commonwealth Sport’s Ugandan President said: “Glasgow 2026 is more than just the next edition of the Commonwealth Games, it’s a working case study for our Games Reset model. What we’re seeing here shows how a high-quality, athlete-focused Games can be delivered in a way that’s financially responsible, operationally streamlined and built on strong partnerships.

“Glasgow is demonstrating how a more agile, collaborative model can create certainty, sustainability and lasting impact for host communities. That gives the whole Movement real confidence in the future direction of Commonwealth Sport. We look forward to welcoming all the teams in July for what will be an altogether brilliant Games.”

Singapore’s Chris Chan, CoCom Chair, Commonwealth Sport, added: “We’re seeing real progress across the operational areas that matter most right now - venues, workforce, readiness planning and integration. Registrations are underway, teams are being finalised, and the shift into full Games readiness is clearly taking shape. That collaborative approach, backed by targeted investment and strong partner alignment, puts Glasgow in a very strong position as we head towards delivery this summer.”

Phil Batty OBE, Chief Executive, Glasgow 2026, added: “The five-month countdown is officially on, and we are entering a critical delivery phase. Our teams, city partners and supply chain are advancing detailed operational plans to ensure we deliver an unforgettable, electrifying experience for fans and athletes this summer.

“The Organising Company continues to hit major milestones at pace, working alongside partners who share our commitment to community engagement and sustainability. Together, we are creating opportunities for as many people as possible to see, feel and experience the Glasgow 2026 Games.

“Our team has grown significantly since the first Coordination Commission in August last year, and I am incredibly proud of the hard work of everyone involved and their bold and brave commitment to a new delivery model. We have really welcomed the feedback from CoCom; their expertise, and the guidance of Chris and the commission members has been invaluable.”

The members of the CoCom are:

- **Chris Chan**, CoCom Chair, Commonwealth Sport (CS) Executive Board (EB) Member, CS Regional Vice President (RVP) Asia
- **Craig Phillips**, CoCom Member, CS EB Member, CS RVP Oceania

- **Andrew Ryan**, CoCom Member, former Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Executive Director
- **Beatrice Ayikoru**, CoCom Member, Secretary General, CGA Uganda
- **Geva Mentor**, CoCom Member, Athlete Representative
- **Darren Hall**, CoCom Member, CS Director of Games & Assurance
- **Helen Phillips**, CoCom Observer, CS EB Member, CS RVP Europe

The final Coordination Commission meeting concluded with reaffirmed assurance that Glasgow 2026 is on track to deliver an outstanding Games that will showcase the very best of the Commonwealth's sporting excellence and collective spirit.

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About Commonwealth Sport

Commonwealth Sport is the organisation with responsibility for the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games, and for delivering the vision of the Commonwealth Sport Movement: 'Our Commonwealth, united through sport'. Our mission is to deliver inspirational and impactful Games; to excite and empower Athletes and young people; and to drive equality in sport and society across the Commonwealth.

Established in 1930, the Commonwealth Sport Movement brings together 74 independent nations and territories creating a diverse Commonwealth community of over 2.5 billion individuals, representing one-third of the world's population. Together we stand as a beacon of unity, diversity, and equality, completely integrating Para athletes, driving gender equality and advocating for legacy and social change through sport.

About Glasgow 2026

Glasgow 2026 promises an altogether brilliant Commonwealth Games, paving the way for a new era of Commonwealth Sport.

Taking place from 23 July to 2 August, Glasgow 2026 is an 11-day celebration that combines world-class sport with a future-focused vision, built and delivered by the vibrant spirit of Glasgow.

Set within a concentrated, eight-mile corridor that brings the Games closer to the fans than ever before, Glasgow 2026 will deliver:

- A record-breaking Para sport programme – 47 events across six sports
- The biggest Track Cycling, Swimming and 3x3 Basketball competitions seen at a Commonwealth Games
- Groundbreaking events like the return of the Commonwealth Mile in Athletics
- 10 exhilarating sports across four of the city's iconic venues; from Scotstoun Stadium to the Scottish Event Campus (SEC), the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and Arena, to Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

Glasgow 2026 will see 3,000 volunteers, alongside thousands of fans, and communities from across the city join together to welcome 3,000 athletes from 74 nations and territories to the city.

Led by Chair George Black CBE, an independent Board and Chief Executive Officer, Phil Batty OBE, Glasgow 2026 Limited is the Organising Company (OC) which will deliver the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow next summer.

Based in the city centre, the OC will directly employ around 160 people and is privately funded, securing its income through Commonwealth Sport, corporate sponsorship, broadcast rights, global partnerships and ticket sales, which will see almost £150 million local spend into the city of Glasgow, with no cost to the public purse to deliver the sporting competition.