

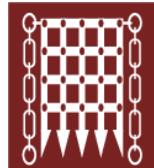
Westminster Media Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK sports sector - funding, governance and widening participation

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th May 2026

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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Assessing key issues for governance, funding and safeguarding across the sports sector in the UK**

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Preparing funding applications, infrastructure delivery and widening participation**

Oliver Scadgell, Managing Director, Tennis Development, Lawn Tennis Association

9.40 **Considerations for funding distribution and the use of investment in grassroots facilities**

criteria and process for accessing the new grassroots facilities funding | meeting strengthened governance and safeguarding standards | demonstrating inclusive participation and community benefit | capabilities and support needed to meet governance and safeguarding expectations | balancing national priorities with local delivery | scope for local flexibility within national funding and governance frameworks | future of multi-sport hubs and shared facilities | local approaches to planning, funding and managing facilities, including maintenance responsibilities | supporting long-term use beyond initial capital investment

Senior representative, grassroots organisation

Senior representative, partnerships

Senior representative, local authority

Senior representative, investment

10.00 Questions and comments from the floor

10.25 **Strategies for improving financial resilience - revenue models, governance standards and sustainability**

developing resilient funding models for grassroots sport | role of governance standards in supporting long-term sustainability | inclusive facilities and widening participation | interaction between capital and revenue funding for long-term maintenance | approaches to financial planning and meeting transparency requirements across the system | role of national sports bodies in supporting financial resilience | climate resilience and environmental sustainability

Senior representative, national governing body

Senior representative, professional league

Senior representative, grassroots organisation

Senior representative, commercial

Senior analyst

11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

11.20 Break

11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

11.35 **Taking forward key recommendations from the UK Sport Councils' Safe Sport Report**

Senior representative, sport council

11.45 **Safeguarding and sector regulation - developing trust, improving diversity and widening participation**

strengthening safeguarding culture across sport | supporting effective oversight and assurance | what organisations need to have in place to meet safeguarding expectations in practice, including clubs and national governing bodies | developing a robust complaints and resolution function | how accountability mechanisms may need to develop across clubs, local networks and delivery partners | expectations on diversity and inclusion | tackling online abuse | priorities for the Women's Sport Taskforce on equal access, online abuse and facilities | developing a diverse and representative community | next steps for diverse leadership within national governing bodies and grassroots organisations

Senior representative, national governing body

Senior representative, professional club

Senior representative, advocacy

Senior representative, legal

12.05 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **The way forward for financial distribution to support sector resilience**

Senior speaker confirmed from Sport England

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**

Senior Parliamentarian

Thomas Howard, Westminster Media Forum