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Scottish Affairs Committee
House of Commons
Palace of Westminster
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Ms Ferguson

Thank you for your letter of 13 November seeking clarification on a small number of points relating to the proposed initiatives for the Glasgow 2026 Games Festival programme. I am pleased to provide the following information in response:

City operations and public area enhancements

Enhancements would primarily focus on protecting open spaces at various venues, including the SEC campus and approaching walkway. Consideration would be given to installation of droppable bollards, signage and road infrastructure. Furthermore, this approach could be extended to areas within the city supporting the festival, including any designated fan zones. If feasible, this would include installing droppable bollards, road closure infrastructure and signage to protect pedestrians in areas with vehicular access.

For investment into infrastructure to support the city look and feel such as enhanced event specific bin casings, vinyl coverings for vacant shopfronts and public realm improvements which will all be linked to legacy from the Games.

Approach to external funding bodies

Work is ongoing to secure additional support. Glasgow Life is actively engaged with the Scottish Government, national agencies such as **sportscotland** and Creative Scotland, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. These discussions are focused on supporting further activity around festival programming and activity, with the aim of securing match funding to complement the potential UK Government contributions.

Use of existing budgets

Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council are optimising the impact of existing resources, programmes and budgets which provide the foundation for activity during the Games Festival period. This includes workforce across our Culture, Events, Communities and Sport teams; content across our Glasgow Life festivals including Merchant City Festival and Glasgow International, and strategic alignment of community programmes to ensure strands of the Games Festival are embedded across the city's wider strategies and programme of events and community engagement next year.

Surgeries:

Barlanark Community Centre	6.00pm	1 st Monday of the month
Cranhill Development Trust	10.00am	1 st Friday of the month
Riddrie Library	11.15am	1 st Friday of the month

No surgeries will be held during school and public holidays

I trust this letter provides the clarification requested by the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further detail.

Yours sincerely



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Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Glasgow City Council**

Glasgow's Commonwealth Games 2026

13 November 2025

Dear Bailie Christie,

Thank you for your letter of 5th November providing further information on Glasgow Life's proposed initiatives to enhance the impact of next year's Commonwealth Games, and details of the financial support you are seeking in order to realise those proposals.

The Committee discussed your letter at its meeting on Wednesday 12th November and agreed to seek clarification on a small number of points. Specifically, we would be grateful if you could please let us know:

- What specific investments relating to "city operations and public area enhancements" you plan to deliver with the additional funding you are seeking; in particular, "permanent security infrastructure at key city activation zones".
- Whether you have approached, or plan to approach, any bodies other than the UK Government in order to help meet your external funding target.
- Whether you have explored options to fund the initiatives set out in your letter, in part or in total, from existing Glasgow City Council and/or Glasgow Life budgets.

I would be grateful to receive your reply by Wednesday 26th November.

As with my previous correspondence, I have copied this letter to Billy Garrett, Director of Culture, Tourism and Events at Glasgow Life.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Ferguson MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee