

Glasgow Ice Centre

Scottish charity number SC050260

Annual report statement 2024 to 2025

Period: 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

Purpose and context

Glasgow Ice Centre aims to advance public participation in ice sports and improve access to recreational facilities, with the long-term ambition of establishing a new ice centre for Glasgow. During the year, project activity remained limited. The economic and funding challenges described in the previous annual report continued to inform the trustees' consideration of how the project might be taken forward. Following the announcement that Glasgow would host the Commonwealth Games in 2026, the trustees anticipated limited opportunities for substantial project development, recognising that stakeholder attention, funding opportunities and other sporting resources would be focused on preparations for the Games.

Activities during the year

Trustees continued to promote the charity's purposes through their professional networks and conversations at relevant events. This informal advocacy sought to maintain awareness of the project and interest in the potential benefits of a new ice facility for Glasgow. The trustees also held periodic discussions about the project's direction and whether changes to the approach could offer a more achievable route to delivery. These discussions were exploratory. Activity during the year centred on maintaining contacts and considering options rather than progressing a funded development programme.

Future plans

The trustees remain committed to the charity's purposes and to finding a viable way to deliver a new ice centre for Glasgow. Their intention is to review the approach in light of economic conditions and potential partnership and funding opportunities, and to build on their existing contacts as opportunities arise. Any renewed development programme will depend on a realistic assessment of feasibility, resources and long-term sustainability.

Governance developments since the year end

Following the year end, while preparing the outstanding accounts, the continuing trustees identified transfers between the charity's bank account and the then Chair, Alan Hannah. The continuing trustees immediately removed his banking access and requested dual authorisation for payments. The relevant transactions are recorded in the accompanying accounts. Mr Hannah subsequently confirmed that charity funds had been used for his personal business cash-flow purposes and resigned as a trustee on 2 October 2026. The independent examiner, John McGowan, has completed his examination and confirmed that the accounts are consistent with the bank statements and supporting records. He has confirmed that he will report the matter to OSCR under section 46 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.