

Glasgow Ice Centre

Scottish charity number SC050260

Annual report statement 2025 to 2026

Period: 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026

Purpose and context

Glasgow Ice Centre continued to pursue its long-term ambition of establishing a new ice centre for Glasgow, in support of its charitable purposes of advancing participation in ice sports and improving access to recreation. The year remained a period of limited project activity, with economic conditions and the challenge of identifying a viable delivery model continuing to shape the trustees' discussions. During preparations for Glasgow's hosting of the Commonwealth Games in 2026, the trustees anticipated limited opportunities for substantial project development, recognising that stakeholder attention, funding opportunities and staff resources would be focused on the Games.

Activities during the year

Trustees continued to use their professional contacts and attendance at relevant events to discuss the charity and promote its purposes. These conversations were intended to maintain the project's visibility and keep open the possibility of future support and collaboration. Periodic discussions among the trustees considered whether a different approach could help overcome the obstacles to progress. This remained exploratory work rather than a formal development programme. The principal focus was on maintaining awareness and relationships while considering how the project could be revived on a sustainable basis.

Future plans

The trustees' collective intention is to revive Glasgow Ice Centre as an active development project and, ultimately, find a viable route to building a new centre for the city. They intend to reconsider the delivery approach, explore potential partnerships and funding opportunities, and assess what practical steps would be needed to move the project forward. The pace and scope of this work will depend on available resources and the feasibility of the options identified.

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.