

Women's Sport Taskforce
Tuesday 16 June 11:00 - 12:30
Hampshire Cricket Bowl, Southampton

Women's Sport Taskforce - Attendees

Government

- Stephanie Peacock MP, Minister for Sport, Tourism, Civil Society and Youth
- Emma Ward, Director General for Strategy, Sport and Events (DCMS)

Women's Sport Taskforce - members

- Simon Hayes, Chair, Sport England
- Simon Morton, Deputy CEO, UK Sport
- Sue Day, Director of Women's Football, The FA
- Tom Beresford, Head of Standards and Regulations, Women's Super League Football (WSLF)
- Alison Oliver MBE, CEO, Youth Sport Trust
- Clare Connor CBE, Deputy CEO and Managing Director England Women, ECB
- Beth Barrett-Wild, Director of Women's Cricket & Women's T20 World Cup Tournament Director, ECB
- Alex Teasdale, Executive Director Women's Game, RFU
- Fran Connolly, CEO, England Netball
- Jack Baker, Head of Policy and Sustainability, LTA
- Jo Osborne, Head of Women's Sport, Sky
- Professor Jo Maher, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Sport), Loughborough University

Independent

- Rob Fontana-Reval, Chief Economist, WPI Economics
- Rachel Gregory, Head of Policy Consulting, WPI Economics

AGENDA ITEM 1: Introductory remarks from Minister for Sport

- The Minister for Sport welcomed members to the meeting and reflected on the exciting summer of women's sport.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Working with Government

- DCMS Director General Emma Ward thanked the sector for her welcome to the role. She emphasised the need for sector collaboration to support Government's understanding of sector priorities through clear asks that are evidence based. These will create clear actions the sector and government can work towards in partnership.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Sector Vision

- A sector working group presented a sector vision. This referenced ongoing progress and barriers.
- Discussions focused on priorities including school sport, visibility, and governance. The group will follow up with DCMS to crystallise tangible actions to support these priorities.
- The Minister for Sport outlined her intent to convene ministerial counterparts to drive action. She agreed that governance is a lever to speed up change.

- The LTA updated the group on the first meeting of the sector-led Women's Sport Online Abuse Forum as a result of the last meeting of the Women's Sport Taskforce.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Driving Growth in Women's Sport

- WPI Economics presented research into investment and policy levers in women's sport.
- The research suggests that sustainable growth needs a combination of sector actions, and that women's sport is a diverse and broad sector with varying priorities and opportunities for growth. The research also emphasised that the sector needs to build a strong evidence base to underpin any calls to action. Clear rationale, benefits and conditions for success are needed to evidence the impact of any policy.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Closing Remarks

- The Minister for Sport thanked attendees for attending and wished the ECB success in hosting the rest of the ICC T20 Women's Cricket World Cup.