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Mr Peter Weall
Chairman
Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs

Dear Peter

I wanted to provide a clear update to you and your associate clubs on how **sportscotland**, as the national agency for sport, is investing in motorsport in Scotland.

Over the past six years, we have chosen to invest in Scottish Motor Sports (SMS). SMS is a strategic partnership between Motorsport UK and Scottish Auto Cycle Union (SACU). Our investment has always been for the development of grassroots two- and four-wheel motorsport.

As **sportscotland** only invests in Scottish governing bodies of sport, the investment has been administered through SACU, who in turn have 'hosted' the development posts on behalf of the partnership.

Towards the end of 2019, Motorsport UK indicated a desire to submit a separate investment application to **sportscotland** with a view to delivering their own strategy for four-wheel motorsport. Motorsport UK were keen to stress that they valued the impact of the SMS project, but it ultimately no longer reflected their long-term vision. SACU indicated that even though the partnership with Motorsport UK would no longer continue, they would also seek investment to continue the development of their own sport.

Both Motorsport UK and SACU presented their respective strategies at a review meeting with **sportscotland**, and subsequently a decision was made by senior management, ratified by the board, that **sportscotland** would only look at an investment application from SACU for 2020/21. This would safeguard both development jobs until 2021 and would also give some time to establish what the future of motor sports development in Scotland would look like. In practical terms, that means that neither the National Development Manager or National Development Officer will be employed to work directly with four-wheel motorsport clubs as of April 1st 2020.

sportscotland is committed to meeting with Motorsport UK to identify whether there would be future opportunities for investment.

sportscotland invest in both the Active Schools and Community Sport Hub networks, and I would recommend that you contact your appropriate local officers should you wish to seek any further sports development assistance. Information on local networks can be found via the **sportscotland** website. Alternatively, I am aware that Motorsport UK are in discussions about how to support clubs in the short term.

Kind regards



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