

# AGM 2023 Questions

## Question 1 – Edinburgh Road Club

In reference to Agenda Item 7 – Why were all three parts packaged as a single voting item? Part 1 and Part 3 appear to be Scottish Cycling administrative housekeeping and tidying documents. However, the Part 2 proposal around operation of the RDG's and process for releasing accrued funds is very much a club matter so why was this not a separate vote?

*For simplicity. The Board felt that not only did all of the proposed changes improve and simplify overall governance, but they were also all being implemented in a way that ensured that no rights or entitlements of Members were being lost.*

*We would point out the Articles are the governing document for Scottish Cycling, which is a union of the clubs, so all changes are relevant to the clubs, not just the RDG element.*

## Question 2 – Edinburgh Road Club

We have in the past pursued funding opportunities with mixed results. Overall, our experience has been that we put in quite a bit of effort with proposals, cost estimates etc. pursuing relatively small sums e.g., £200 to £300 to help fund individual events. In review of the Part 2 RDG proposal, the creation of the new 'Sport Commission' causes concern that the process might become more cumbersome. Alternatively, we see greater positive impact when investment is concentrated in programs such as the *Activate & Accelerate* where we get actual hands-on assistance from a Scottish Cycling employee helping to organise multiple development activities over the longer term. Has Scottish Cycling done any analysis on the effectiveness of its different club investment opportunities?

*We will endeavor to make any further funding processes for clubs as clear and straightforward as possible. We will continually strive to find the correct balance between getting the right information to aid the decision-making processes on allocating limited funds and considering the constraints on club volunteer's time.*

*The funding examples highlighted are different in nature, hence the different ways to access monies.*

*Accelerate and Activate is a partnership investment to clubs over a longer period of time. Our Accelerate and Activate programme has been running for nearly two years and we've seen a demonstrable difference as a result of this approach, which increases the overall capacity of the club to delve deeper into its development. This has resulted in: increased club membership, increased diversity of membership, activation of facilities and more coaches and leaders.*

*The other funding programmes are short-term and one-offs: Power of the Bike Club Activation Fund, Womens Fund, and Active Girls Fund, have provided smaller amounts of funding for specific projects - often to test a new approach to develop and innovate.*

*The RDG Funds are accumulated funds for the clubs. We suggested using the Sports Commission for some simple checks and balances as it consists of representatives from the cycling community from across regions and disciplines - your peers. The use of the Sports Commission for the allocation of funding is only proposed for this sole purpose.*

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### Question 3 – Edinburgh Road Club

As you probably know Cycling Time Trials (CTT) is currently evaluating concerns around 20mph speed zones on CTT time trialing courses. Does Scottish Cycling have any concerns around 20mph speed zones on SC road race and time trial courses?

*Scottish Cycling works with British Cycling on a regular basis to review safety considerations in relation to all aspects of our sport, but particularly racing on the open roads. We have been advised by British Cycling that racing through 20mph zones can be managed safely, without contravening the rules of the road. We therefore do not anticipate an impact on racing in Scotland at this point. We are continuing to work with British Cycling on official guidance in this area and will continue to support event organisers who have queries relating to specific courses. Where courses being used in 2024 do include 20mph zones, we will work with the organiser on an individual basis to put in place necessary measures. This will form part of the processes already planned over winter to prepare for next season. Please contact [events@scottishcycling.org.uk](mailto:events@scottishcycling.org.uk) if you any further questions on this area.*