The Framework for sport signals a new way of working through partnership to deliver our shared vision for sport. Past strategies have often failed to have a lasting and measurable impact. Once published they have become little more than reference documents that sit on the shelf to quickly become outdated. In contrast, the Framework for sport is seen more as a process than a product. Our commitment is to refine and review our priorities on a regular basis. This will ensure we keep step with, and wherever possible anticipate, the changes in the social, institutional and environmental context that will impact on our ability to achieve our objectives for and through sport.

A vision for sport

This Framework sets out a vision for sport in England – to be the most active and the most successful sporting nation in the world. It is a vision shared by all of sport.

What do we mean by ‘sport’?

Sport embraces much more than traditional team games and competition. The description established by the Council of Europe [Sports Charter](#) in 1993 is what we mean by sport in the context of the Framework: “Sport means all forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental wellbeing, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels.”
Where does the vision come from?

It all started on 19 December 2002, when the Government published “Game Plan, a strategy for delivering Government’s sport and physical activity objectives”. Game Plan set the agenda – an agenda to increase and widen the base of participation in sport, an agenda for success on the international sporting stage, and an agenda for reform in order to create effective delivery structures.

It’s time to make it happen

One year on, and it's time to make it happen. Sport England has been transformed to provide strategic leadership for sport in this country, with a renewed clarity of purpose and a focused approach to working with our partners to make a difference for and through sport. The whole of sport has demonstrated a commitment and readiness for change. This Framework sets out the agenda to make that change happen over the next 16 years.

Everyone’s talking about it!
It's a vision developed by talking and listening to all the key stakeholders in sport, and through a series of cutting edge, interactive workout events during the second half of 2003. Everyone who has a role to play in driving the vision forward has been involved, including Government, local government, the private sector, the voluntary sector, a wide range of public agencies in health, education, regeneration, social inclusion and economic development, the national governing bodies of sport and many more.