

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
9 JUNE 2010**

**SUBJECT: 'GAMES FOR SCOTLAND': EVENTSCOTLAND PROJECT
FUNDING**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Committee to consider whether or not to hold an event in Moray to highlight Scotland's involvement in the Commonwealth Games and to endorse a funding application for this purpose.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of section D 12 of the Council's Administrative scheme related to the provision of sports, arts and cultural activities.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee endorses the application made to EventScotland and agrees to hold an event to highlight the 2014 Commonwealth Games providing there is no additional expenditure.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 2 February 2010 (Para 13 refers), it was agreed to minimise the Moray Council's involvement in Games activities to those activities where there would be no additional expenditure.
- 3.2 In late March 2010, Local Authority Legacy Leads were informed that grants of up to £10,000 were available for organisations arranging activities to highlight Scotland's involvement in the 2014 Commonwealth Games where these activities would coincide with the Delhi Flag Handover Ceremony on 14th October.
- 3.3 An expression of interest was submitted and on 26 April 2010 the Council was invited to submit a completed funding application form. The deadline for receipt of this was 7 May 2010. Decisions are expected at the end of June 2010.
- 3.4 In order to achieve the deadline, a submission was made at short notice. This submission made clear that the proposal had yet to be considered by Committee and that consequently it might be withdrawn.
- 3.5 The proposal itself was put together by a group of officers covering sports, arts and cultural activities. In summary the proposal is as follows:-

- A programme, during early October, of sporting and cultural events focusing on the different nations competing at the Commonwealth Games.
 - The sporting events (focussing on sports approved for the Commonwealth Games 2014 in Glasgow) will be organised in partnership with local clubs, with schools and young people being invited to participate as both teams and individuals.
 - Prior to the main event, schools will be invited to choose a country and study its culture and create a response to this in their school (e.g. exhibition, performance, artwork etc).
 - Each participating school will create the flag of their chosen nation which will be paraded at a public event on 6 October. This event will feature a Kathakali performance by a company from India.
- 3.6 The programme of events has been designed to maximise the benefits of existing commitments and planned expenditure. This includes a fortuitous visit by an Indian dance company and a cycling race organised by Active Schools.
- 3.7 Due to the extremely tight timeframe for response, only rough financial estimates have been possible. Currently, the estimated cost of the programme is £30,000. The Council's contribution has been calculated at £9,000. This is made up of existing staff time in planning, management and administration of the event and in existing planned activities. Funding of £10,000 has been requested from EventScotland and applications to other funders are being prepared for the balance of £11,000.
- 3.8 Officers are acutely aware of the current financial situation and are clear that no additional expenditure can be incurred by the Council. Officers are also, however, aware that the potential funding available, together with the high profile nature of the Commonwealth Games, provides an ideal opportunity to promote sports, arts and cultural activities to young people in Moray.
- 3.9 Should members approve the project expenditure, it will be closely monitored at all stages and alterations made to the project to ensure it operates within budget and at no additional cost to the Council.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

- (i) This report supports national priority 6 and local priority 1 (health and well being).
- (ii) This report supports Action Areas 3 (Equally Well) and 17 (Sports, Arts and Leisure Development) of the Service Improvement Plan.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy implications arising directly from this report.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

The financial implications arising from this report are as detailed in the body of this report.

(d) Consultations

Consultations have been undertaken with Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant; the Learning and Development Manager and Educational Services SMT. Where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That Committee considers the level of involvement appropriate for Moray in linking with Commonwealth Games activities.

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Background Papers:

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