

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 2 FEBRUARY 2010

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND 'A GAMES LEGACY FOR SCOTLAND': LEVEL OF COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR URGENCY/REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, on the Chair certifying that in his/her opinion it requires to be considered on the grounds of urgency in order to give early consideration to meet the deadline for response to a request regarding this Council's involvement in the Delhi Flag Handover Ceremony.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is for Committee to consider the level of this authority's involvement in preparatory activities associated with the 2011 International Children's Games, 2012 London Olympics and 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee minimises involvement in Games Legacy and individual games activities as described in paragraph 3.5, bullet point 1.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Between 2011 and 2015, three international sporting events are taking place which the Scottish Government regard as of particular importance in delivering the vision of 'a Scotland, fit for the future' and with an enhanced international reputation. These are the 2011 International Children's Games, Lanarkshire, the 2012 London Olympics and the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Achieving a lasting benefit from these games has been termed 'A Games Legacy For Scotland' (**Appendix 1**).
- 3.2 All Scottish Local Authorities have been asked to nominate Games Legacy Lead Officers. (Moray's nominated officer is the Educational Resources Manager). These officers are used as the main contact point between the local authority and Scottish Government for all information and activities associated with the individual games and 'Games Legacy'. At the time of writing this report, the Educational Resources Manager has attended two Games Legacy seminars and summaries of the main points of discussion are attached as **Appendices 2A and 2B**.
- 3.3 In addition to Games Legacy meetings, invitations connected with individual games are now also being received. These include a workshop in Edinburgh to discuss the Olympic torch relay event and involvement in the

Commonwealth Games handover ceremony in Delhi, India. (**Appendices 3, 4A and 4B**). Whilst these events are high profile there are associated costs. Attendance at meetings outwith Grampian requiring an overnight stay will cost in the region of £180 to £220 per attendee. The cost per participant at the Delhi ceremony is estimated at £4,000.

- 3.4 In view of the Councils' current financial position and the expectation that the number of these and similar requests will increase as the events themselves get closer, officers are seeking guidance on the appropriate level of involvement for the Council. Such guidance would assist in the prioritisation of work and enable swifter responses to anticipated future requests.
- 3.5 Outlined below are 3 broad options for Council involvement in individual games and Games Legacy activities. These are not put forward as the only options for consideration (there are numerous alternatives). They are put forward simply to assist members in their deliberations.
- **Minimise involvement in Games Legacy and individual games activities.** It is envisaged that officers would cease attendance at games and legacy meetings where significant expense would be incurred (eg meetings outwith Grampian area). Requests for Council involvement in games and legacy activities involving additional expenditure would be likely to be rejected. Officers would try to maintain awareness of games and legacy initiatives and activities to enable Council involvement where additional costs would not be incurred. Under this scenario, the invitation to the Torch Relay Workshop, the request for involvement in the Delhi Handover event and future All Scotland Legacy meetings would be rejected.
 - **Limit Involvement to Games Legacy Activities.** It is envisaged that officers would restrict themselves to attendance at legacy meetings only. Requests for involvement in legacy activities incurring additional expenditure would be referred to committee. Requests for involvement in other games related activities involving additional expenditure would be likely to be rejected. Under this scenario, the invitation to the Torch Relay Workshop and the request for involvement in the Delhi Handover event would both be likely to be rejected. Future, All Scotland Legacy meetings would be attended.
 - **Maintain Involvement in Games and Games Legacy Activities.** It is envisaged that officers would attend meetings related to both individual games and Games Legacy where appropriate. Requests for involvement in games and legacy activities involving significant additional expenditure would be referred to Committee. Under this scenario, the invitation for attendance at the Torch Relay Workshop would be accepted, future All Scotland Legacy meetings would be attended and the request for involvement in the Delhi Handover event would be referred to Committee.
- 3.6 This information was considered by Service Development Group on 1 February 2010. At that meeting it was agreed to recommend to this

Committee that, in view of the current financial situation, involvement in Games Legacy and individual games activities should be minimised.

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; Chief Executive and Educational Services SMT. Where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That Committee minimises involvement in Games Legacy and individual games activities as described in paragraph 3.5, bullet point 1.

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Background Papers:

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