
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Management Committee
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A Games Legacy for Scotland

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Argyll and Bute CPP members of the content and approach of the Games Legacy for Scotland, which seeks to maximise the potential legacy for communities, individuals and for Scotland as a whole arising from the 2014 Commonwealth Games and other major events in the lead up to and beyond 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to:

- 2.1** Consider and endorse the Games Legacy for Scotland; and
- 2.2** Identify how community planning partners might contribute to maximising the opportunities arising from Glasgow 2014 to secure legacy benefits within Argyll and Bute.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** On 23 July 2014 the Commonwealth Games will open in Glasgow, marking the start of 11 days of action across 17 sports, with competitors from 71 Commonwealth countries. Glasgow 2014 provides an opportunity to deliver wider health, social and economic benefits across Scotland. The learning from major sporting events elsewhere in the world is that if we are to be successful in achieving significant long lasting benefits for Scotland, we must plan and start work now. In December 2008 the Interim Games Legacy for Scotland was published with the full plan being launched in September 2009.

- 3.2** The plan is organised around 4 key themes; **active** Scotland; **connected** Scotland; **sustainable** Scotland and **flourishing** Scotland. These themes will allow further activity to be added to the plan as it evolves between now and 2014 and beyond. In addition the plan sets out what a successful legacy will be; how the activity to support delivery of legacy will be evaluated and how the

people of Scotland can get involved, particularly through volunteering. It also specifically identifies how a legacy for young people might be taken forward nationally and locally. The Plan takes a ten year timeframe which will grow over the months and years as it is populated with activities by communities, councils, businesses and wider community planning partnerships. Scottish Government have recruited a team of Legacy Officers for every Council and Health Board in Scotland to drive the legacy forward, specific to that area of the country. It also seeks to use the opportunities presented by London 2012 and other major events such as the International Children Games in 2011 and the Ryder Cup in 2014, to build a lasting and positive legacy. In Argyll and Bute we can include event such as the 2011 Scottish Six Days Orienteering Event to be held in North Argyll and which will attract up to 1000 competitors.

- 3.3** Above all, the Games provide a significant opportunity to increase and widen participation in sports and physical activity – currently around 2/3rds of the Scottish adult population is not taking enough physical activity to protect against serious disease.

3.4 An Active Scotland

There are opportunities across Scotland to increase use of a wide range of indoor community and council facilities, and outdoor facilities such as pitches, woodlands, parks, lochs and rivers, and cyclepaths. The Active Scotland element of the Games Legacy for Scotland aims to create a popular and high profile movement which motivates people across Scotland to become more active, setting personal goals to improve their health and fitness. The concept of Community Sports Hubs will support connectivity at local levels – bringing together potential participants with sports clubs, recruiting and retaining volunteers, supporting the capacity and skills of coaches, maximising the use of existing indoor and outdoor facilities, and bringing sports clubs together, depending on local circumstances and priorities. An Active Scotland website will promote the use of the range of facilities – private and public, indoor and outdoor – and opportunities available.

3.5 A Connected Scotland

Hosting Glasgow 2014 and London 2012 provides opportunities to promote our identities, to learn about the world and Scotland's place in it and to develop greater intercultural understanding. Curriculum for Excellence materials and the school online network (Glow) will enable schools to share ideas and resources and connect with each other in collaborative activities; through international programmes, exchanges and volunteering opportunities. Every local authority, community and school across Scotland will be encouraged to establish and maintain mutually

beneficial links with partners across the Commonwealth.

3.6 A Sustainable Scotland

There are three interrelated strands to the Games' Greener Legacy: the physical infrastructure to deliver the Games: the village, venues and transport links; specific projects to improve the built and natural environments and actions to use the Games infrastructure and associated projects to test and demonstrate more sustainable ways of living, working, travelling, and using resources.

3.7 A Flourishing Scotland

Glasgow 2014 will cost £373 million to deliver and there will be around £2 billion invested into major infrastructure projects as part of the run up to the Games. That spending brings opportunities to help existing or potential Scottish businesses prosper, to improve their skills and workforce, and to encourage them to apply for wider public sector contracts which are worth £8bn in Scotland. Business Club Scotland, for example, will inform Scottish businesses of all sizes about the full range of contract opportunities from major international events and the support they can get to take advantage of them. A Games Skills Plan will also be developed to identify the skills required to support delivery of the 2014 Games.

3.8 Issues

The All Scotland Group which brings together Local Authority and partner agency representatives to provide a Scotland-wide perspective on the 2014 Games has recently received a presentation on the Games Legacy for Scotland. It noted that although significant additional funding is unlikely to become available in support of the Games Legacy for Scotland, a wide range of opportunities could usefully be identified by councils individually and collaboratively to harness enthusiasm for the Games by building wherever possible on use of existing facilities, activity and strategies and supporting grassroots, community-based activity across sport, culture, learning, employability, sustainability and other themes to build an enduring legacy. Engaging communities will be a key factor in building success at local levels. Scottish Government continues to press the case for return of the £150 million lottery money diverted to support London 2012.

In Argyll and Bute we will identify potential joint projects and major events (not necessarily sport), which can drive forward the principles of the legacy through the CPP and reflect our strategic plan. Working closely with the Legacy Officer for NHS Highland, we intend presenting a seminar later in 2009 to discuss tangible ways Argyll and Bute CPP partners can work together in key theme

areas of the Games Legacy for Scotland covering current work and potential future partnerships.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Despite the challenging economic climate, the proximity of London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 presents a once in a lifetime opportunity. The Games Legacy for Scotland seeks to identify ways in which the whole of Scotland can make the most of that opportunity to build a lasting legacy before during and after the Games. Members are asked to endorse the Plan and to encourage the Council and community planning partners to identify how they can contribute to maximising those opportunities and engage individuals and communities at a local level throughout Argyll and Bute.

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