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| Subject: | Commonwealth Games NI - Request for Financial Support for Glasgow 2026 |
| Date: | 4 th November 2025 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jim Girvan – Operational Director, City and Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Paddy McGrattan – Leisure Development Manager |

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
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7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Yes

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No

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To seek permission to provide financial support to Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland to present the team travelling to Glasgow to compete in the XXIII Games from 23 July until 6 August 2026. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree make a contribution of £10,000 to Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland to support the team competing in the 2026 Commonwealth Games |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland have made a written request to seek financial support from Belfast City Council (appendix 1). |
| 3.2 | All funds raised will go directly towards athlete preparation and delivery of Team Northern Ireland at the games in Glasgow in July 2026 |
| 3.3 | In Glasgow there will be a total of 10 Sports and 6 Para Sport, and it is anticipated that a team of approximately 100 will be selected to represent Team Northern Ireland. |
| 3.4 | Team Northern Ireland has taken part in ever occurrence of the Commonwealth Games, (except 1950) and success has been achieved across a range of sports including bowls, athletics, boxing and gymnastics. |
| 3.5 | Previously Council has financially supported Belfast athletes and coaches travelling to the games. |
| 3.6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham 2022 - £10,000 • Gold Coast 2018 - £15,000 • Glasgow 2014 - £15,000 • Delhi 2010 - £25,000 • Melbourne 2006 - £25,000 • Manchester 2002 - £20,000 |
| 3.6 | At the most recent Games in Birmingham in 2022, 40 athletes from Belfast were part of Team Northern Ireland and four of those athletes were medal winners. |
| 3.7 | <u>Financial Implications</u> Finance to support this request can be ring-fenced from the Support for Sport Development Grant budget for 2026-2027. |
| 3.8 | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None. |
| 4.0 | Appendices - Appendix 1 – Correspondence received from Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland |

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