



Subject:	Lady Mary Peters 50 th Anniversary Event
Date:	8 March 2022
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<i>After Committee Decision</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>After Council Decision</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Some time in the future</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Never</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To advise the committee of a request from The Mary Peters Trust to support the 50 th Gold Medal Anniversary Games on 28 May 2022.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve a contribution £3,000 towards the event running costs for the 50th Anniversary Lady Mary Peters Gold Medal Games. The contribution will be paid to Athletics NI.
3.0	Main report
3.1	This report is to inform members that 2022 marks the 50 th Anniversary of Mary Peters winning Olympic Gold and breaking the World Record in the Pentathlon at the Munich Olympics in 1972.

3.2	To mark the occasion, the Mary Peters Trust will be organising a year-long series of events. As part of these celebrations Athletics Northern Ireland and the Mary Peters Track are joining forces to promote and enhance the Annual Belfast Athletics International Meeting, renaming it the Mary Peters 50 th Gold Medal Anniversary Games.
3.3	Lady Mary is one of Northern Ireland's most famous and respected sporting personalities. She has been a great ambassador for sport over five decades, working tirelessly to support young athletes from every sporting background, and promoting Belfast and Northern Ireland around the world as a tourism and sporting destination. She was an inaugural inductee into the Belfast City Council Sporting Hall of Fame.
3.4	In November 2012 it was recognised in a motion to Council that “Lady Mary has served as an ambassador for Belfast across the world and has been tireless in her efforts to promote sport and the benefits it brings to the young” and in recognition of this service Lady Mary was elected and admitted as a Freeman of the City of Belfast.
<p>Support for Sport</p>	
3.5	In normal circumstances Athletics NI would be directed to apply to the Support for Sport Fund or the Sport Events Grant. However, given the timing of the grant application release and subsequent assessment, the application would not be considered in time to support the event.
3.6	It is likely given the significance of the event, the international visitors expected and the participation of local children that the event would score highly and support would be recommended.
<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p>	
3.7	The proposed total contribution would be £3,000, which can be found within existing budgets for 2022/2023.
<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>	
3.8	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None