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Report to:	<b>Education Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>13 September 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources) Executive Director (Community Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>International Children's Games - Education Legacy Activity</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide feedback on the 45<sup>th</sup> International Children's Games (ICG) hosted by Lanarkshire in August 2011.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the positive impact generated by the International Children's Games and the legacy projects that will help to motivate young people in schools and youth learning to get active be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. Around 1300 children from over 77 cities, 33 countries came to Lanarkshire for the 2011 International Children's Games. The huge success of the Games was due in no small measure to the commitment of the competitors supported by their coaches along with many hundreds of council employees and volunteers.

3.2. 1300 athletes, 231 coaches, 78 Heads of Delegation, 68 VIP/City representatives and 28 officials as well as hundreds of friends and family members accompanied the athletes from across the world.

3.3. Council employees rose to the challenge and excelled in going above and beyond in providing first class service in transport, accommodation, facilities, IT and catering and in acting as hosts. The employees of South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, partners and volunteers worked tirelessly to deliver the Games from the months of preparation and planning to make sure all teams had good comfortable accommodation and facilities, and were safely transported and taken to the airport on their final day.

## 4. International Recognition

4.1. Every member of the International Children's Games Committee applauded the contribution made by Council employees and the 400 volunteers led by the Executive Director (Community Resources).

## **5. Achievements**

- 5.1. Team Lanarkshire achieved its best ever results in the Games winning 35 medals, comprising 15 Gold medals; 10 Silver and 10 Bronze. The coaches and staff, led by the General Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited, made the young people and all those involved proud of their achievements.

## **6. Impact and Benefit**

- 6.1. The reputation of Lanarkshire has grown as a result of hosting these Games. There has been a significant benefit to the local economy and in education there are some legacy projects that will help to motivate young people to get active and build on the cultural experiences that emanated from the Games.

- 6.2. In June 2011, Education Resources compiled a programme showing a range of activities organised by schools and services designed to encourage more young people to take an active interest in sports and to build on some legacy projects. Some of these are listed below:-

- Tiles in Clydesdale
- Tile mural in the family centre in Burnbank
- 'Messages and Ginger' - this booklet (author Matthew Fitt) promoting Scots language will be established as a curricular resource for use within South Lanarkshire schools  
*(an essential guide to Lanarkshire's local language)*
- S1/2 – sports event annually
- Glenlee Primary School, Hamilton - some of the coaches visited the school to enable children and parents to take part in workshops as part of a summer programme run in school. A lunchtime infant judo class has been added which will feed into the junior and senior class which run every Wednesday.
- Some schools have expressed an interest in using the ICG template to highlight and record activities that enable children to experience a variety of sports and plan events for the Olympics. Additionally, classes will plan cross curricular topics.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. None

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. All costs were met from within existing resources. An overall report will be presented to the Executive Committee once all the financial transactions have been finalised.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no significant risk implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

- 9.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

10.2. Consultation and engagement with the Leisure and Culture Trust, schools, youth learning, active sports, young people, elected members and a wide range of other partners took place during the period prior to the Games and during the competition period.

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**Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values**

- Improve health and increase physical activity
- Increase participation in arts and culture
- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability
- Raise educational attainment for all
- Working with and respecting others

**Previous References**

None

**List of Background Papers**

- International Children's Games News Bulletins

**Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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