

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	International Children's Games 2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ allow the Committee to consider an invitation to participate in the 2022 International Children's Games (ICG) which will be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022
- ♦ highlight the financial implications for the Council of accepting the invitation to participate

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the invitation from the ICG organisers for the Council to participate in the International Children's Games to be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022 be accepted.
- (2) that the maximum financial contribution required to be met by the Council, estimated to be £12,000, be approved, and
- (3) that the intention to raise as much external funding through sponsorship and fundraising to minimise the Council's final contribution be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The ICG is an event endorsed by the International Olympic Committee which first took place in Slovenia in 1968 for children aged 12 to 15 years. Since the first Games took place children from 114 different 'cities' worldwide have taken part.
- 3.2. A delegation from South Lanarkshire first took part in the 32nd ICG in 2000 in response to an invitation from Hamilton (Ontario) to all of the Hamilton's' across the world to take part in their millennium games. Since then, a delegation from South Lanarkshire has taken part in the 38th ICG 2004 in Cleveland (USA), the 39th 2005 in Coventry (England), the 41st 2007 in Reykjavik (Iceland), the 47th 2013 in Windsor (Canada) and the 49th 2015 in Alkmaar (Netherlands).
- 3.3. Children from South Lanarkshire have also taken part in the ICG when the Council partnered with North Lanarkshire Council to form Team Lanarkshire in preparation for jointly hosting the 45th Games in 2011. Previous to this, Team Lanarkshire participated in the 42nd ICG 2008 in San Francisco (USA), the 43rd 2009 in Athens (Greece) and the 44th 2010 in Manama (Bahrain).

- 3.4. The outcome from the games in Alkmaar was reported to the Executive Committee on the 4 November 2015 and, at that Committee, an invitation to attend the 2016 Games in Taipei was declined. It was further agreed that the criteria used to select participants be extended to youngsters who are members of South Lanarkshire based clubs as well as residency and/or attending schools in South Lanarkshire.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. An invitation has been received from the ICG organisers for the Council to participate in the 54th International Children's Games to be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022. Some preliminary discussions have taken place in relation to which sports that a South Lanarkshire team would be best placed to participate in. The Games will comprise of eight events namely, athletics, swimming, tennis, table tennis, boys' and girls' football, climbing and 3v3 basketball.
- 4.2. At this point in time, it is anticipated that the final team would comprise of 18 sports participants and 5 support staff. The participants will be selected using a range of criteria including performance, current personal bests, rankings and performance at dedicated squad training sessions. The participants would be accompanied by 5 Coaches/Head of Delegation and a Council representative. Therefore, the total size of the delegation is expected to number 24 people.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. SLLC employees are involved in the management and coaching of the teams and will be assisted by external coaches.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The estimated cost of up to 24 people from South Lanarkshire participating in the 2022 ICG is £19,000. This figure represents the maximum amount that the Council might be required to meet. However, based on experience, it is anticipated that the final costs to the Council will be reduced through a combination of seeking external sponsorship and fundraising by participants. Therefore, it is anticipated that the final cost to the Council will be £12,000.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1 There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8 Other Implications

- 8.1 There are no risks to the Council in relation to the information contained in this report.

9 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function and strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. Officers of SLLC continue to consult on matters relating to the team.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives

- ◆ Improve health and increase physical activity
- ◆ Improve the quality of the physical environment
- ◆ Partnership working, community leadership and engagement
- ◆ Efficient and effective use of resources

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 11 March 2015
- ◆ Executive Committee, 4 November 2015

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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