

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: COMMONWEALTH GAMES: DELHI HANDOVER CEREMONY**  
**Meeting: LEISURE, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 8 JUNE 2010**  
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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council has been invited to identify young people with excellent dance and movement skills to travel to Delhi to take part in the ceremony that marks the lead up to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. The Handover Ceremony marks the Flag Handover from Delhi to Glasgow, and includes an 8 minute creative performance designed to showcase Glasgow and Scotland to the rest of the world. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval of funding to support up to six young people to take part in this event.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The event will take place on Thursday 14 October 2010, within the Closing Ceremony of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The event will take the form of an 8 minute performance in Delhi in front of a stadium audience of 60,000 people and a global television audience of millions. Volunteers are also expected to commit to required rehearsals, Orientation, Bootcamp and performance schedule. Volunteers will be in Delhi for a total of three days.
- 2.2 The Scottish Government, and Glasgow 2014, are committed to a lasting legacy for the Games, and for the 2012 Olympics; participation in the Delhi Handover is one of a number of opportunities for people from across Scotland to be connected to these major events. Local authorities play a key role in ensuring that such opportunities are delivered to communities across Scotland and assisting in progress towards a healthier nation, developing healthy communities and a strong and flourishing economy.
- 2.3 A number of other opportunities have also been made available including Games for Scotland – Let's Get Scotland Dancing plus various Active Nation projects.
- 2.4 Each Local Authority across Scotland was offered the opportunity of up to 9 voluntary places (total of 288) with the Mass Cast. Each participant was expected to be aged 18+ and to fund their own place at a total estimated cost of £3,500.
- 2.5 Falkirk Council approached dance schools affiliated to Falkirk and District Arts and Civic Council and has identified six young people with the necessary skills and experience who were provisionally interested in participating subject to being able to secure the necessary funding.

### **3.0 PROJECT FUNDING**

- 3.1 Glasgow 2014 has now identified a total of £10,500 to support participants and Community Services has identified a further £6,000 from sports and arts development budgets leaving each participant responsible for finding £750.

### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Policy Implications**

This proposal accords with the Council's Strategic Community Plan through the commitment to enhance lifelong learning and opportunity and promote personal and social development.

#### **4.2 Financial Implications**

Financial support will come from existing revenue budgets within Community Services.

#### **4.3 Personnel Implications**

An Officer Working Group has been set up within Community Services to co-ordinate activity linked to 2012 and 2014 opportunities and identify appropriate funding sources.

It is anticipated that officer support will be required to finalise applications and ensure effective liaison between the young people and Glasgow 2014.

#### **4.4 Legal Implications**

None.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

#### **5.1 It is recommended that Committee:**

- (i) notes the allocation of up to £6,000 towards supporting up to six young people from the Falkirk Council area to take part in the Delhi Handover event;**
- (ii) receives regular reports updating members on local activity linked to 2012 and 2014.**

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil