

Consultation Questions

Glasgow 2014 - Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland

It can be generally accepted that the benefits and outcomes outlined within the consultation paper are consistent with the Scottish Government's five key strategic objectives. The detailed objectives, as identified under each of the policy headings, appear appropriate in ensuring that

Question 1: QUESTION 1: Are the benefits you would like from the games covered in this paper?

Glasgow 2014 provides a lasting legacy for the people of Scotland. It should be stressed however that achieving such outcomes will be challenging and will require a focused and directed approach from the Scottish Government, supported through appropriate policy initiatives and funding. There is little doubt that the hosting of the 2014 Games in Glasgow - along with the Ryder Cup later that year- presents Scotland with an ideal opportunity to showcase all that is good about our country. This will require a co-ordinated and strategic approach, driven by the Government and supported by the people. We would stress that Higher Education has a key role to play in ensuring that there is a lasting legacy from the games. This legacy will impact most on the young people of today and we would support their involvement in this consultation process. With over 50% of young people now attending Higher and Further Education this sector will play an important role in the education and training of those who will continue the legacy. HE will provide a better educated, more skilled and more successful generation. HE will provide the skills and training of the volunteer workforce - a critical component in ensuring the success of the games and ensuring that a lasting legacy will be maintained. Higher Education will contribute significantly to the attainment of the 2 main targets of Reaching Higher - increasing participation and improving performance. With targeted funding Scottish HE/FE can make a significant impact on the lives of the young people attending our institutions, of engendering the "habit" of active lifestyle and of influencing lifestyle behaviour. HE through our involvement with the SIS and AIS is already making an important contribution to the development of elite performance and the programmes and services available to talented athletes in this country. In order to secure a legacy of success continued support of these programmes is essential along with an investment in University Sports Scholarship programmes across the sector. Higher and Further Education can support, through education, training and research, the aspirations of the consultation paper. The sector must be responsive and pro-active in developing programmes which will support the targets outlined.

<p>Question 2: QUESTION 2: Is there anything else we should be doing?</p>	<p>It is crucial that emphasis is placed on a "national" perspective and that the people of Scotland view these opportunities not solely to the benefit of Glasgow. The transfer of the economic, tourism, cultural and sporting benefits across the country will ensure a lasting legacy for the whole of the country.</p>
<p>Question 3: QUESTION 3: How can we, individually or collectively, best achieve these aims?</p>	<p>The aims of the consultation paper will be best achieved through a strategic and directed programme of policy initiatives supported by appropriate funding and resourcing. The aims will only be achieved by a co-ordinated, concerted and focused effort by all agencies involved. The 3 key areas will be education and training (of volunteers and those professionals involved in the games); a focused approach to facility developments across the country as part of a planned and directed National strategy and a directed and powerful campaign to ensure that these are seen as the "Scottish" Games (while recognising the work of the City of Glasgow and the Scottish Commonwealth Games Council in successfully bringing the Games to Scotland)...the people of Scotland must take ownership(as a nation) of the Games and only through this will the legacy be achieved.</p>
<p>Question 4: QUESTION 4: Do you have any other comments to offer on what should feature in the final games benefits and legacy plan?</p>	<p>The University of Dundee would take this opportunity to congratulate both the City of Glasgow and the Scottish Commonwealth Games Council on their success in bringing the 2014 Games to Scotland. As a nation we must now all work to ensure both the success of the event and a lasting legacy for the people of Scotland. The "Legacy" Consultation paper provides a detailed and challenging strategy which provides the potential to maximise the impact of the 2014 Games far beyond the Games themselves. An impact that will inspire change in our society and presents Scotland with an outstanding opportunity to improve our national and international profile and identity.</p>

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