

Consultation Questions

Glasgow 2014 - Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland

No. From the outset (Ministerial Foreword and introduction) the document places an emphasis on delivering a very wide agenda - physical regeneration, health, getting people into work and increasing the profile of Scotland - in relation to the Scottish Government's five

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

strategic objectives and 15 national outcomes. Yet it seems to contradict itself by saying "equally the games are not an overnight solution to all of the challenges facing us today". There is too little emphasis on the sports benefits that need to be taken forward in relation to recruitment of volunteers, developing stronger community clubs, opening school sports facilities and shifting the investment in sport balance from programmes to capital spend. Section 24 does place an emphasis on recognising skills developed by volunteers during the Games but there needs more said about the need to recruit and retain beyond the Games.

Question 2: QUESTION 2: Is there anything else we should be doing?

If it is truly "very important that all of Scotland feels ownership of these Games, and of the need to take advantage of the opportunities that hosting them offers us", then opening school sports facilities for community use across the country would provide a significant legacy for sport in this country. Although there are currently some good examples of community access to schools sports facilities there is not a Scotland wide push to see these facilities contribute to the sports facilities stock. It would be acutely embarrassing for Scotland if c70 nations participating in the Games were to see sports facilities lying dormant in the summer of 2014 when the Games and the Ryder Cup come to Scotland. Opening up the schools would also enhance the possibilities of encouraging visiting teams to use schools as training bases where the facilities are considered appropriate. In these circumstances early linkages between schools and visiting teams could be established and be developed into educational programmes in the lead up to the Games themselves. In the context of facility provision for the Games we presume that a facility brochure, similar to that developed for London 2012 will be produced and it is our view that the schools estate would enhance such a document and the chances of attracting nations to have their training bases here pre Games. At the moment the facility legacy for the Games is based around Glasgow, with the exception of the refurbishment of the RCP in Edinburgh. More needs to be done to improve sports facilities in Scotland as identified by Audit Scotland recently when it's report "A Performance Overview of

	<p>sport in Scotland" identified that local authorities have spent around £511m (revenue £437m and capital £74m) on local sports facilities, parks, open spaces and sports activities. We take the view that the balance has shifted too significantly towards delivering programmes for sport that generate interest and leave participants with poor facilities in which to play, develop and compete. Furthermore, the document asks local authorities and governing bodies of sport to ensure a state of "readiness" to respond to an increased interest in sports participation. If we do not invest in facilities and open up school facilities how can this demand reasonably be met? Increased participation in sport needs: 1. School Sports Facilities opened up as part of the Games legacy and as part of consideration for new schools currently being developed under private and public sector partnerships. 2. Stronger club structures. Including asset transfer from local authorities to community club structures. 3. Greater balance between revenue and capital spend in sport 4. Direct link between investment in sports programmes for health, jobs, crime etc and the consideration of revenue capital spend in sport.</p>
<p><i>Question 3: QUESTION 3: How can we, individually or collectively, best achieve these aims?</i></p>	<p>More focus needs to be placed on the potential benefits to sport and there needs to be a narrower focus in delivering a legacy rather than taking a wide ranging approach that aims to deliver a "All Things to All Men Approach".</p>
<p><i>Question 4: QUESTION 4: Do you have any other comments to offer on what should feature in the final games benefits and legacy plan?</i></p>	<p>The document makes reference to using the Games as a focal point for the Fairer Scotland Fund to be deployed by Community Planning Partnerships, to tackle poverty and deprivation and to help more people overcome barriers. If a sport event such as the Games can deliver on the 5 strategic aims and 15 national outcomes as the document suggests then sport seems to be almost unique in that regard. That being the case why is there no place at the community planning table for sport?</p>

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