

Consultation Questions

Glasgow 2014 - Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland

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

Generally yes. We share the vision of the Commonwealth Games legacy as a huge opportunity for Scotland and for Glasgow, and see the fit with the Government's five strategic objectives.

Local consultation and involvement is crucial to

the success of the legacy. Local residents, groups, schools and other organisations should know what the Commonwealth Games means to them. We would like to offer a list, under the headings of the five strategic objectives, of our views on how the Commonwealth Games legacy can best benefit Glasgow, Scotland, and the wider world. Wealthier and Fairer - Inform and involve small and medium businesses in Glasgow and Scotland in the early stages of planning the Commonwealth Games, so that they are able to prepare and bid for work. At present, some businesses in Glasgow feel that they are being left out. A brief should be issued to businesses to let them know what kind of products will be required and the stages at which they can be involved. - Consider a locality weighting as part of the tendering process. This is as much about the environmental as it is about growing businesses and providing better local employment. - We agree that the idea of linking cultural events to the 2014 Games has a lot of potential. Events to promote the Commonwealth within Scotland could also be important in the run up to the Games, building up links between Scotland and growing economies such as India. For example, a concert providing a showcase of the Commonwealth's talents, possibly held at Hampden Park, could be both a vibrant exciting event, and a way to attract visitors to Glasgow and Scotland. - Entitlement cards and integrated transport systems should not be delayed until 2014. We believe that the Commonwealth Games should be used as a means to put pressure on public transport providers and Regional Transport Partnerships to bring in a system of integrated ticketing a minimum of two years prior to the Commonwealth Games. The benefits of this would be significant not just for visiting tourists but for local residents and commuters. - In our view, the Commonwealth Games makes improving transport infrastructure, including schemes such as Crossrail a high priority. The Commonwealth Games could be used as a hook for increased future tourism from the Commonwealth nations and beyond. A museum based in Glasgow which would celebrate those who chose, for whatever reason, to stay in Scotland, making it the vibrant, multi-cultural place it is now would attract visitors from both

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

the Commonwealth countries and the wider community of nations. This symbol of Glasgow and Scotland's heritage would also appeal to the Diaspora living throughout the world and highlight Glasgow's place in the world. Smarter - A local weighting should be used to allow priority access for jobs and training. - Skills training should be as broad as possible, to allow opportunities for all and access to sustainable employment. - Apprenticeships are a means of improving job prospects. Local businesses and organisations should be approached for involvement in an apprenticeship scheme. - Volunteering could be encouraged on the basis of a "rewards" scheme, e.g. a short term membership of the Glasgow Club, enhancing both health and fitness. - Local organisations with experience in training should be used train up volunteers. This will both build the capacity of the organisations, and increase local involvement. - Young people at all ages and stages of education should be involved in and informed about the Commonwealth Games, from nursery to further and higher education. This will develop, especially in Glasgow, a sense of ownership of the games. - Encourage twinning arrangements between Scottish schools and youth groups and those from around the Commonwealth. This could lead to sharing information and experiences, and the breaking down of barriers. Healthier - We believe in using the Commonwealth Games as a means to improve the health of Glaswegians and Scots, through encouragement and the use of role models. - The Commonwealth Games could be used as an anchor for current healthy eating schemes in Glasgow and in Scotland, encouraging and rewarding healthy choices in schools and leisure centres for example. - Participation in athletics should be encouraged through all age groups. - Access to community facilities should be extended and improved, both in terms of price and opening hours - We support the proposal for increased CPR training, and would argue for this to be delivered in partnership with community facilities to deliver this. This would increase the capacity of communities as a whole, and could encourage residents to use these facilities more regularly. - In relation to non-alcohol related social activities,

	<p>we believe provision for cafes should be built into plans for the Commonwealth Games village. These could be used during the games for athletes, and after could be brought into use for local residents. This would encourage alternatives to alcohol, and potentially decrease anti-social behaviour. - Grass roots sports and elite athletics should not be entirely separate entities, so that participation in sport at all levels is encouraged, and with the end objective always being creating a healthier nation. Safer and Stronger - The existing community should be involved, informed and consulted at every available opportunity. A division between the new Commonwealth Games village and the indigenous population should be avoided at all costs, as this will reduce the benefit of the legacy to those who need it the most. - Contracts for the design and build of the Commonwealth Games facilities and village should include a clause which builds in meaningful local consultation. Local people have significant experience which should not be overlooked. - We support devolving power to the local level, but would appreciate more information on how this would work, and how local this will be. Greener - The athletes' village should be Carbon Neutral, employing methods such as solar thermal panels and ground source heat pumps to allow for sustainable heating and cooling. - Although creating a Carbon Neutral development can be initially expensive, there are opportunities here for the City Council to establish a joint venture in heat and power with the focus on a large-scale district heating and cooling system using the geothermal resource which is so widely available thanks to Glasgow's past mining endeavours. This has been achieved on smaller scale in the East End already and at a district level in Midlothian.</p>
<p>Question 3: QUESTION 3: How can we, individually or collectively, best achieve these aims?</p>	<p>We believe that meaningful consultation and working in cooperative partnership are vital to the delivery of a legacy that will benefit all involved. E.g., Scottish Power is headquartered in the City and could be a potential partner in a City-wide heat and power company with a focus on sustainable non-fossil fuelled systems.</p>
	<p>If possible those residents moving into the</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?

Village after the Games should get the opportunity to meet the athletes that used the facilities during the Games. This would highlight the importance of the legacy aspect of the Games and further encourage a feeling of community ownership of the Games. We believe that the legacy should benefit first and foremost local residents, then Glasgow, and finally Scotland as a whole. This is an opportunity which we can not squander.

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