



Subject:	Commonwealth Games Support
Date:	7 June 2022
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek permission to provide financial support to the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Team travelling to Birmingham to compete at the XXII Games from 27 July to 7 August.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree a contribution of £10,000 to Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council (NICGC) to support the team competing in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The NICGC has made a request to the Council for a financial contribution to support the costs

	of presenting the Northern Ireland team at the XXII Commonwealth Games in Birmingham July 2022.
3.2	72 nations, with 5054 athletes and thousands of officials, are participating in 20 sports with an integrated programme for a range of para-athletes. This makes the event second only to the Olympic Games in importance.
3.3	Northern Ireland has taken part in every occurrence of the Commonwealth Games except 1950 and our success is well known across a range of sports including athletics, boxing and lawn bowls.
3.4	The Commonwealth Games provides the only opportunity for Northern Ireland athletes to compete at the international level in a multi-sport event.
3.5	An assessment of the request has indicated that the request would bring a direct benefit to the inhabitants of Belfast, based on the NICGC's team selection in which 25 of the 93 member team are from Belfast. This number may increase once final selection has completed.
3.6	Previously Council has financially supported Belfast athletes and coaches travelling to the Games; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester 2002 - £20,000 • Melbourne 2006 - £25,000 • Delhi 2010 - £25,000 • Glasgow 2014 - £15,000 • Gold Coast 2018 - £15,000
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	It is proposed that the financial support of £10,000 is provided from the Support for Sport small development grant budget for 2022/23.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Correspondence received from NICGC