



Belfast City Council

Report to: Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Subject: **Commonwealth Youth Games**

Date: 19th December, 2014

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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will recall that the Shadow Council, at its meeting on 8th December, referred the undernoted motion, which had been moved by Councillor Kingston and seconded by Councillor Spence, to the Committee for consideration:
1.2	“Belfast District Council notes the success of the Olympic Games in London in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 and the positive impact that hosting these games has had on those cities; this Council confirms our support for a bid for Belfast and Northern Ireland to host the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2021, with a view to mounting a future bid to host the Commonwealth Games; and affirms our commitment to working with the Northern Ireland Executive, the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Association and other interested parties to achieve these goals.”

2	Key Issues
2.1	It is matter for the Committee to consider the motion. Should the motion be considered worthy of Council support, it would be necessary first of all to make an expression of interest in hosting the games. Should the city be successful in its bid then it would be necessary to identify financial resources within future budgets to oversee any support that the Council might wish to make towards the hosting of the Youth Games.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	To be determined.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	To be determined.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.

6	Decision Tracking
Democratic Services Section will follow up on any decision taken.	