



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	World Police & Firefighter Games 2013
Date:	20 April 2009
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Relevant Background Information

In September 2007 the Council agreed to be one of the key stakeholders for the World Police and Firefighter Games, which will be staged in Belfast and Northern Ireland in the summer of 2013. The Council's commitment of £400,000 is part of a £7 million events budget which is subject to a full and robust business plan from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure. The Games is the third largest multi-sport event in the world and takes place biennially. It is expected that the 2013 Games will attract in excess of 12,000 competitors, which will generate many thousands of bed nights for Belfast and a substantial level of economic activity for the City.

On 23 January 2009 the Council received an invitation (see Appendix 1) for the Lord Mayor to attend the opening event in the 2009 Vancouver Games as part of a stakeholder delegation which will include the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure Minister, Gregory Campbell, MLA, MP. The delegation will review the facilities in Vancouver and promote the Belfast and Northern Ireland event in 2013.

Key Issues

Members are asked to agree that the Lord Mayor and the Head of City Events and Venues attend the event in Vancouver as part of a stakeholder group. Each organisation will meet the cost of their own delegates. For the Belfast City Council delegates the estimated cost is £2500 per person which includes flights and five night's accommodation at the Vancouver event and subsistence.

Estimated Breakdown of Costs per person.:

Flights:	£800 - £1000
Accommodation	£800 (recommended WP&F Games hotel)
Subsistence	£95 per day (maximum allowance)

The itinerary for the visit is as follows:

Friday 31 July 2009	Reception for Team NI prior to Opening Ceremony. Sports Minister to address competitors followed by World Police & Firefighter Games Opening Ceremony.
Saturday 1 August 2009	Belfast 2013 reception in Vancouver Rowing Club.
Sunday 2 August 2009	World Police & Firefighter Games Directors Official Reception
Monday 3 August 2009	Vancouver's Mayors' Reception at the Concert Evening at Shadbolt Centre in Deer Lake Park in Burnaby hosted by the Host City

The Northern Ireland delegation will include representatives from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (including the Minister) the Police Service of Northern Ireland & the Police Sports Federation, the Prison Service, Fire & Rescue Service, Sports NI and Translink.

Resource Implications

Financial and Staffing

Estimated costs of £2,500 per person to cover flights, accommodation and subsistence.

Recommendations

Members are requested to approve the attendance, and all associated costs, of the Lord Mayor and the Head of City Events and Venues at the 2009 World Police and Firefighter Games in Vancouver.

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Letter of invitation.

APPENDIX 1

23 January 2009

The Lord Mayor
Clarendon Buildings
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Clarendon Dock
Belfast
BT1 3BG

Dear Lord Mayor

Ref: World Police & Fire Games, Vancouver 2009

As you are aware Belfast was awarded the honour of hosting the World Police & Fire Games in 2013. At present a small team is working towards hosting the Belfast Games.

The team along with the Sports Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell, plus Heads of Service from the PSNI, Fire Service and Prison Service will be visiting the Vancouver Games in July 2009 to observe proceedings and promote Belfast 2013.

Belfast City Council was heavily involved in the initial bid team and subsequently in planning for 2013. On behalf of the Directors of WPF 2013 I would like to invite you to attend the Vancouver Games in Summer 2009.

For your information I have attached an itinerary of dates and events that will be taking place over the first few days. If you will be travelling would you please inform my colleague Tania Rothwell who is co-ordinating the Games at 92 600 495 or email Tania.rothwell@nifrs.org.

Yours sincerely

Alistair McGowan
CEO Belfast 2013 (Interim)

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