



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Transplant Sport UK
<b>Date:</b>	14 April 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Seamus Rooney, City Events Officer, Development Department

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>In October 2008 Belfast City Council's Development Committee agreed funding of £70,000 towards the hosting of the British Transplant Games in Belfast in 2011. The games will be held in Belfast from 4 - 7 August 2011 and were last hosted here in 1998.</p> <p>The games are managed by Transplant Sport UK, a registered charity and are held annually. The games, encompassing 20 sports, take place over four days (Thursday – Sunday) with an opening ceremony on the Thursday and gala dinner on the Sunday. Adults and children take part aged 4 – 80 and all have received a life saving organ transplant.</p> <p>The games will bring a direct economic impact to the city of circa £1 million based on 2000 participants (including 800 transplant athletes) residing on average 4 nights. National and regional media coverage is estimated at over £1million placement value.</p> <p>The prime objective of the games, however, is to highlight the need for people to sign up to the donor register and give the 'gift of life' to someone. Northern Ireland is one of the poorest regions of the UK in terms of donor registration.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>Transplant Sport UK have requested permission to place and manage a collection box at the reception desk at each Belfast City Council leisure centre for the period of Monday 3 May until Friday 5 August 2011.</p> <p>Any monies raised will be invested in the delivery of the Belfast Games in August.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	None.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	None.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	That Members agree that Transplant Sport UK can place and manage a collection box at the reception desk at each Belfast City Council leisure centre for the period of Monday 3 May -Friday 5 August 2011.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	The City Events Officer, Development Department to liaise with Transplant Sport UK on the management of the collection boxes.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to abbreviations</b>
	None.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents attached</b>
	None.