



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	London 2012 Olympic Qualifiers
Date:	14 June 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The 2012 London Olympic Games commences on Friday 27 July 2012 with the closing ceremony on Sunday 12 August 2012. The 2012 Paralympic opening ceremony is 29 August running to 9 September. For the last 12 months local athletes have been striving to make qualifying times and selection for the games to represent Great Britain or Ireland in their chosen sport.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>Five local athletes have qualified to represent Ireland at the upcoming Games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Conlon Boxing• Paddy Barnes Boxing• Sycerika McMahon Swimming• Melanie Nocher Swimming• Michael McKilliop Paralympic Athletics <p>These athletes are competing at the pinnacle of their career and are role models for young aspiring children across the city.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> None</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no human resource implications.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Not Applicable.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	There are no equality or good relations considerations associated with this update report.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Chairman of Parks and Leisure Committee write to all athletes congratulating them on their qualification and passing on the Council's best wishes for success at the Olympic Games. It is also recommended that the Chairman is authorised to write to any local athletes who subsequently qualify for London 2012.

6	Decision Tracking
	The Sports Development Officer to arrange sending of letters.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	None