



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	London 2012 Games Maker Bursary
<b>Date:</b>	14 June 2012
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Claire Moraghan, Sports Development Officer

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Members will be aware that in August 2011 the committee agreed to fund £30,000 towards the London 2012 Volunteers Bursary Scheme and; agreed to the recommendation that any staff volunteering at the 2012 Olympics would receive half the time off with pay as adhered to for previous events.</p> <p>The scheme was designed to assist individuals to become a London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic 'Games Maker'. The bursary will go some way towards expenses incurred while training prior to and during the games.</p> <p><u>Games Makers – The Commitment</u></p> <p>Where an applicant is successful in being selected to become a Games Maker - there is the expectation from the Games organisers that they commit to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 days volunteering, over a potential 3 week period;</li><li>• Personally arrange and cover the cost of their journey to any applicable training and Games Time Venue; and</li><li>• Personally arrange and cover the cost of their accommodation.</li></ul>

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 220 potential "Games Makers" from Belfast have been interviewed.</li><li>• Volunteer Now was appointed to administer the bursary scheme and developed a criteria for applicants based on need.</li><li>• Applicants needed to demonstrate that they could meet at least one</li></ul>

	<p>of the following criteria;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earn less than £13,000 p.a.</li> <li>• are unemployed</li> <li>• have a disability</li> <li>• be in full time education; or</li> <li>• are retired</li> </ul> <p><u>Status to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews took place during June-August 2011.</li> <li>• 108 bursary applications were received in Northern Ireland.</li> <li>• Of the 68 successful applicants, 23 were from Belfast.</li> <li>• Four members of staff have been selected as Games Makers but were not eligible for a bursary.</li> </ul>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><u>Financial</u> The Council's contribution of £30k to the Bursary Scheme was made out of the 2011/12 revenue budget.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> Successful staff members will receive approximately 5 additional days leave. Volunteer Now will manage the allocation of funding on councils behalf.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None at this stage.</p>

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	Volunteer Now promotes equality of opportunity and aligns with council's position on equality and good relations.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	The Sports Development officer will liaise with Volunteer Now on the issuing of bursaries.

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None