

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report by Director of Education

LOCAL 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report is to inform the Cabinet of the range of local sports activities that were successfully delivered as part of East Renfrewshire Councils contribution to the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and accompanies a short presentation on this topic.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. Members are asked to comment on this report and to agree to the continuing focus of activity on increasing participation in sports and physical activity by young people in East Renfrewshire.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Education Department planned and delivered a range of events, taster sessions and sports pathway programmes to help celebrate the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow and to inspire young people to get involved in local activities and opportunities aligned with the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy objectives.

**REPORT**

4. To support the Queens Baton Relay coming to East Renfrewshire on 16 July 2014 Sports Service undertook a Primary School Commonwealth Roadshow Programme throughout May/June 2014. Every primary school was visited and pupils had the chance to take part in a range of commonwealth sports and participate in their own baton relay.

5. A Mini Secondary Schools Commonwealth Games was held at Eastwood High School on 11 June 2014. Teams from all seven secondary schools participated in a range of Commonwealth Games sports. Congratulations go to St Ninian's High School who won the overall school trophy.

6. Individual and team winners from the Mini Secondary School Commonwealth Games represented East Renfrewshire in the Inter Authority Games held in Renfrew on 16 June 2014. Teams from East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Renfrew and Inverclyde competed in a range of Commonwealth Games sports

7. A range of sports activities were organised the route of the Queen's Baton Relay to help make the event in East Renfrewshire a memorable occasion. Events such as Ren 96 Swimming Club in Neilston Leisure Centre, rugby coaching at Whitecraigs Rugby Club, athletics at Eaglesham Playing Fields, bowling at Stamperland Bowling Club, gymnastics at Netherlee Primary School, tennis, hockey, squash and bowling at Giffnock Tennis, Hockey and Squash Club, sports development Roadshow in Rouken Glen Park and athletics at the Woodfarm pitches took place.

8. The Queen's Baton Relay visited the also Summer Holiday Sports Camps in Barrhead High School and Eastwood High School and each participant got the opportunity to hold the baton.

9. The 2014 Summer Holiday Activity Programme and Community Sports Programme has had a Commonwealth Games theme with the added benefit of a party of 140 children and young people attending the Commonwealth Games athletics events at Hampden Park on 30 July 2014 with many of these children being entitled to a free school meal.

10. The Education Department has also organised a wrap-around Commonwealth Passport Scheme which ran throughout the school holidays. The Commonwealth Passport Scheme was designed and delivered to encourage as many children and young people to get active and try out a range of sports this summer and it was supported by a range of local sports clubs.

## **FINANCE & EFFICIENCY**

11. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. An external lottery grant of £9,500 was obtained and mainstream budgets and staffing have been utilised to stage these events.

## **CONSULTATION**

12. Consultation has taken place with partners and stakeholders to deliver these events and programmes and shows a positive picture of community capacity building and pathway development from schools into local sports clubs within East Renfrewshire.

## **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

13. These programmes were developed through extensive partnership working: with other Council services, including Corporate and Community Services; with local sports clubs; and with sportscotland and the Commonwealth Games organisation.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

14. This programme has given a further stimulus to increasing young people's participation in sports and physical activity. Work will continue, working in partnership with others, to take the necessary steps to build sustainable pathways and local opportunities for participation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

15. Members are asked to comment on this report and to agree to the continuing focus of activity on increasing participation in sports and physical activity by young people in East Renfrewshire.

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### **Key Words**

This report sets out the performance at end year 2013-14 for the Education Department's Culture & Sport Services

The keywords are:

Education Department; sports; physical activity; Commonwealth Games; participation; young people.