

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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**12th SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES
SHANGHAI, CHINA 2007**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH

ABSTRACT

This report advises the Social Work and Health Committee of the success of the Great Britain Team in the Summer Games which took place in Shanghai, China from 2 to 11 October 2007 and in particular the inclusion of the Angus athletes in the Great Britain Team

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

- i. notes participation of the Angus athletes and staff at the Games;
- ii. notes the success of these athletes.

2 INTRODUCTION

The World Special Olympic Games take place on a four yearly cycle, with the Summer Games always preceding the Olympic Games themselves by one year. For the second time the World Games have been taken outside the United States of America. Four years ago Ireland hosted the Games and this year Shanghai in China afforded the athletes a new experience. 7200 athletes took part in 25 Sports including Aquatics, Athletics, Football and Table Tennis.

3 ANGUS INVOLVEMENT IN THE GREAT BRITAIN TEAM

The Great Britain Team was made up of 159 athletes from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland competing in 19 of the 25 sports. Tayside had 15 athletes competing with Angus having 4 of these Tayside athletes. The 4 athletes participated in Ten Pin Bowling, Table Tennis, Power Lifting and Equestrian and collectively they won 3 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 2 bronze medals. This was a magnificent achievement for a World Games where the best athletes with a learning disability from 165 countries took part.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report. Special Olympics fund athletes' travel, accommodation and team kit with athletes being asked to contribute a percentage of the cost. The travel and accommodation costs for the athletes are met by Tayside and Great Britain Special Olympic Groups.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

This report advises the Social Work and Health Committee of the inclusion and success of Angus athletes in the Great Britain Team who attended the Special Olympic World Summer Games in Shanghai, China from 2 to 11 October 2007.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.