

ANGUS COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2014
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

GREAT BRITAIN SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

JOINT REPORT BY

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to advise Committees of the Special Olympics World Summer Games taking place in Los Angeles, California, USA from 20 July to 3 August 2015 and the inclusion of Angus athletes and Angus Council Staff in the Great Britain Team.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health and Communities Committees, for their respective interests:

- 1.1 Approve the participation of service users and staff from the People and Communities Directorates (Services to Communities) who have been selected; and
- 1.2 Approve 2 that staff from the People Directorate and 4 Communities staff be given their absence from work, due to the Games, as paid leave.

2. BACKGROUND

The World Special Olympic Games take place on a four yearly cycle. Over 7,500 thousand athletes, 3,000 thousand coaches, 30,000 thousand volunteers and thousands of family and friends from 177 countries will attend the games and the competition will be centred around the Los Angeles area. Great Britain are taking a team of 121 athletes and 45 support staff. 12 athletes and 10 staff will come from Tayside Special Olympics. The Great Britain team will compete in 19 sports.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Angus have 7 athletes travelling as part of the Great Britain Team. (Badminton (1), Ten Pin Bowling (2), Powerlifting (1), Table Tennis (1), and Unified Football (2).)

The Tayside representatives propose to depart on the morning of 20 July 2015. The opening ceremony takes place on the 25 July 2015 at the iconic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The competition will take place from 26 July to 2 August 2015. The team will return home on Tuesday 4 August 2015.

4. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that the 6 staff members (2 from People and 4 from Communities) will be in attendance to provide support and other services associated with the games delivery

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The granting of paid leave to 6 staff (2 from People and 4 from Communities) will not generate additional costs to either Directorate's budget. Tayside Special Olympics, through it's

fundraising activities, funds the costs for travel, accommodation and team kit with the athletes being asked to contribute up to 50% of their cost.

6 **CONCLUSION**

This report advises the Social Work and Health Committee and the Communities Committee of the inclusion of Angus athletes and Angus Council staff in the Great Britain Team attending the Special Olympic World Games in Los Angeles, USA from 20 July to 4 August, 2015.

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

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