

ANGUS COUNCIL

**SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 9 APRIL 2009
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2009**

**A Joint Report by
the Directors of Social Work and Health
and Neighbourhood Services**

GREAT BRITAIN SPECIAL OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES 2009

Abstract: The purpose of this report is to advise Committees of the Great Britain Special Olympic Summer Games taking place in Leicester from 25 July to 1 August 2009 and the inclusion of Angus athletes and Angus Council staff in the Tayside Team.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health and Neighbourhood Services Committees:

- 1.1 approve the participation of service users and staff from Angus Council's Social Work and Health and Neighbourhood Services who have been selected.
- 1.2 agree that four Social Work and Health staff and five Neighbourhood Services staff be given their absence from work to attend the Games, as paid leave.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Great British Special Olympic Summer Games take place on a four yearly cycle, the last Games being in Glasgow in 2005. Tayside Special Olympics are fielding a team of 155 i.e. 114 athletes and 41 staff.

3. ANGUS INVOLVEMENT

- 3.1 Angus makes up 68% of the Tayside Team with 65 athletes and 22 coaches. Angus athletes are competing in 13 sports, athletics, boccia, lawn bowls, equestrian, football fives x 2, power lifting, golf, badminton, swimming, table tennis and ten pin bowling. The main sporting venues are Saffron Lane Sports Centre, Shree Prajapati Centre, Indoor Bowls Centre, Abbey Park, Goals Soccer Centre, Humberstone Heights Golf Club, The Peepul Centre, Braunstone Leisure Centre and Hollywood Bowl.

4. PREPARATION FOR THE GAMES

- 4.1 The Tayside Team leaves from Discovery Point, Dundee on the morning of Friday 24 July 2009 when it is hoped a large crowd, including Council officials will give them a rousing send off. The opening ceremony is on the evening of Saturday 25 July 2009 at Walker's Stadium, Leicester with competition from 25 July to 31 July 2009 and the closing ceremony on the evening of 31 July 2009, venue still to be confirmed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is acknowledged that the granting of paid leave for nine Angus Council staff members will result in a minimal cost additional to the Council. Notably only three of the employees will require immediate shift cover as a result of their participation in the Special Olympics Summer games. All three of these employees work for Neighbourhood Services at leisure facilities and will require staff to be brought in to provide cover for their absence. The estimated cost of this coverage is £947. This cost will be covered from the approved 2009/10 budget allocated to the specific sports facility where they are employed.
- 5.2 With regard to the cost of travel, accommodation and team kit this will be directly funded by Tayside Special Olympics with each athlete being asked to contribute up to 40% of the cost.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

7. CONSULTATION

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

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The issues dealt with within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 This report advises the Social Work and Health Committee and the Neighbourhood Services Committee of the inclusion of Angus athletes and Angus Council staff in the Tayside Team attending the Great Britain Special Olympic Summer Games in Leicester in July 2009.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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