

Commonwealth Games 2026 – Arrangements noted - Creation of Political Oversight group approved – Authority to Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance.

8 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding proposed arrangements for the city's assistance in hosting the Commonwealth Games 2026, advising

- (1) that following the announcement by the Premier of Victoria, Australia that as a result of projected cost overruns the state was withdrawing from hosting the Commonwealth Games 2026, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) began to look for a new host;
- (2) that in October 2023 Glasgow Life had been contacted by Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) who was developing a new delivery model for the Games which would cost substantially less to deliver and consist of fewer events and all of the funding for this new delivery model was proposed to come from the CGF and commercial arrangements;
- (3) that Glasgow Life had been supporting the CGS in developing the costings for the new model for the Games and together with the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance had been regularly engaging with the Scottish and UK Governments and the CGF;
- (4) of the proposed new delivery model and key points for the Games;
- (5) that although the organising structure for the Games had not been established, the Council would be required to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Games Organising Company, as detailed in the report;
- (6) of the benefits to Glasgow in hosting the Games; and
- (7) of the Governance arrangements which included the establishment of a Glasgow 2026 Programme Board.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report, including the governance arrangements proposed to support the planning and delivery of the city's role in the hosting of the Commonwealth Games 2026;
- (b) authorised the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Finance to negotiate and conclude all legal and financial agreements associated with the city's role in hosting of the Games; and
- (c) approved the creation of a Political Oversight Group with cross-party representation to ensure ongoing oversight of the opportunities and risks associated with Glasgow hosting the Games.

