POLICY NOTE

THE GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES (GAMES LOCATIONS) ORDER 2013

S.S.I. 2013/259

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2)(b)(ii) of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The Glasgow Commonwealth Games (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 ('the Regulations') will set out the detail of the trading and advertising offences and prescribe the circumstances for which exemptions will apply.

3. The Regulations will also set out the boundaries of the event zones within which street trading and advertising will be regulated, in order to protect the character, integrity, safety and security of the Games. Those zones represent places "in the vicinity of a Games location".

4. Section 1(2)(b)(ii) of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008 provides that Ministers can specify by Order additional sites as Games locations. These additional sites are not places where sporting events are being held as part of the Games but are places which will be used in connection with the Games.

5. George Square and the Merchant City in Glasgow will be high profile key live site areas and as such it is important that they are designated as Games locations. This will enable the application of the trading and advertising restrictions (as set out in the Regulations) and will allow related policy objectives to be met.

6. George Square will host a 1200 sq. m 'Games Hub' housing merchandise and a ticket outlet. The unit will be a marquee structure located at the west side of the Square.

7. The Merchant City Festival will be part of the cultural programme and will run for the duration of the Games at Merchant City.

Consultation

8. The Scottish Government has consulted with a range of key stakeholders including the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee (OC), Police Scotland, Glasgow City Council, City of Edinburgh Council, Angus Council, South Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council in relation to the Regulations. Their views helped to shape the draft Regulations and this Order. In particular, they informed the development of the event zones, including those for George Square and the Merchant City.

9. The public consultation on the draft Regulations took place between 15 May and 7 August 2013 and included event zone maps specific to George Square and the Merchant City. The report on the findings of the consultation will be published on the Scottish Government

website in September 2013 and will contain a full list of those consulted and who agreed to the release of the information.

Impact Assessments

10. No impact assessments have been completed in relation to this Order.

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