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Hello Stephanie.

Would I be able to submit the attached Fact Sheet for the next GIC agenda?

Thank you.

Kevin Gonci

2022 BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES



FACTS



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1. Initial overall cost ²⁰¹⁷ = \$1.3 billion dollars (Includes 20% contingency).¹
2. Current overall cost ²⁰¹⁹ = \$1.4 billion dollars (Includes 20% contingency).²
3. Municipal contribution (25%) = \$350 million dollars.³
4. Mandatory \$43.7 million dollars “hosting fee” paid to the Commonwealth Games Federation.⁴
5. Contingency fee = \$280 million dollars⁵.
6. Initial estimated costs for security services = \$351 million dollars⁶.
7. As of 2020 there is a \$47.6 million dollar shortfall in private sector contributions which is included as part of the “municipal contribution”⁷.
8. It is estimated that Birmingham City Council will need to contribute an additional \$26.2 million dollars to make Birmingham City “games ready” (includes street cleaning, traffic management, sanitation, etc.) which is not included within Games operational budget⁸.
9. Games Strategic Transportation Plan (not included in Games budget) includes:⁹
 - a. Development of a new, dual, ground level, carriageway (\$47.3 million dollars).
 - b. New bus depot = (\$28 million dollars).
 - c. Railway Station renewal = (\$98 million dollars).
 - d. New “sprint” bus system = (\$154 million dollars).
10. The City of Birmingham has existing road & sewer infrastructure projects within their strategic planning which was originally estimated at \$1.7 billion dollars, it has risen to \$2.9 billion dollars and Birmingham City Council has insufficient cash reserves to cover the cost overruns in addition to fulfilling their Commonwealth Games funding commitments^{10, 11}.

Existing Infrastructure

11. The City of Birmingham is reported to have **95%** of the Games venues/infrastructure already in place which was highlighted as a “significant” cost savings for the Games planning. **Table 1** refers to the Games venue plan and status of each venue in addition to the current funding expenditures.
12. There are three (3) major capital infrastructure projects related to the proposed 2022 Commonwealth Games venue plan including:
- a. Alexander Stadium (under renovation) initial cost \$122 million dollars/current cost \$126 million dollars.
 - b. Sandwell Aquatics Centre (under construction) initial cost \$105 million dollars/current cost \$128 million dollars.
 - c. Perry Barr Athletes Village (***cancelled**) initial cost \$612 million dollars/current cost \$867 million dollars.

Table 1 – 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games Venue Plan

VENUE	PURPOSE	STATUS
*Alexander Stadium	opening & closing ceremonies, athletics	*under renovation
*Sandwell Aquatics Centre	aquatics	*under construction
Arena Birmingham	gymnastics	existing
Cannock Chase	cycling (mountain bike, road, time trial)	existing
Ricoh Arena (Coventry)	rugby sevens, judo, wrestling	Existing
Edgbaston Cricket Ground	cricket	Existing
National Exhibition Centre	badminton, boxing, table tennis, netball, weightlifting	Existing
Smithfield, Birmingham	3x3 basketball, wheelchair basketball, beach volleyball	Existing
Sutton Park	triathlon	Existing
University of Birmingham	hockey, squash	Existing
Victoria Park (Leamington Spa)	lawn bowls	Existing
Lee Valley VeloPark (London)	cycling (track)	Existing
*Perry Barr Legacy Project	athlete’s and official’s village/accommodations	*cancelled

Notes

1. Funds quoted in Canadian dollars ²⁰²⁰.

Endnotes

1. <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1080578/birmingham-2022-budget-still-not-finalised-but-announcement-expected-imminently>
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10. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2020/08/03/700m-budget-shortfall-threatens-birmingham-infrastructure-upgrades/>
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