



Stewart Maxwell MSP

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Maxwell Welcomes Glasgow Winning Commonwealth

On the 9th November Glasgow was selected as the host city for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Scotland's bid was preferred by Commonwealth delegates to the one from Abuja in Nigeria by 47 to 24.

Mr Maxwell said "This is great news for Glasgow and Scotland. The Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow will be our chance to show the whole world the very best of Scotland. I hope that it will inspire people to take up a sport or embrace a healthier lifestyle and it will give a chance for our athletes to compete for Scotland on Scottish soil.

"Today's announcement is the culmination of years of hard work and I want to congratulate everyone involved in this Bid process. We put together a great bid and this was recognised by the voters. To quote the Evaluation Commission report 'Glasgow has demonstrated the ability to stage the 2014 Commonwealth Games to a standard which would continue to enhance the image and prestige of the Games'.

"Now we must use this opportunity to ensure we leave a legacy of a fitter, healthier and more successful population living in a revitalised, regenerated country with better housing, better

Maxwell Welcomes Commonwealth Games Bill

West of Scotland MSP Stewart Maxwell welcomed the decision by the Scottish Government to publish a Commonwealth Games Bill aimed at ensuring the success of the 2014 Commonwealth Games. This Bill would include the creation of new criminal offences prohibiting unauthorised advertising and outdoor trading within the vicinity of the Games venues, and prohibit the unauthorised sale of Games tickets in public, in excess of face value or with a view to making a profit.

Mr Maxwell said "The Commonwealth Games are coming to Glasgow and it is good to see the Scottish Government getting to work right away to make sure these Games are the greatest sporting event Scotland has ever seen. Bringing the Games to Glasgow is great news for Scotland and this Bill is clearly designed to protect the event and to put in place measures to stop activities that could undermine its success. The Bill would allow the Organising Committee to appoint existing Trading Standards officers to enforce the provisions mentioned in the Bill. These officers will have powers to seize offending merchandise, cover billboards and signs and, under warrant, search premises where they suspect offences are being committed.

"This is an exciting time for Scotland, staging the Games gives us the opportunity to showcase one of the world's most dynamic cities and highlight the very best of Scotland. I am sure that Scotland is going to benefit greatly from holding this event"

Maxwell Opens Tsunami Sri Lanka Orphanage on behalf of Scottish Government

Whilst in Sri Lanka for the Commonwealth Games Bid decision Stewart Maxwell MSP officially opened a project for Sri Lankan tsunami orphans which has benefited from £85,000 in Scottish Government funding.

ernment to be able to officially open the Orphanage Project in Kalutara District, which is home to 20 'at risk' boys orphaned by the 2004 tsunami and run by Glasgow based charity Scotland's Buddhist Vihara which is an excellent project.



vegetables for many more of the local children."



Mr Maxwell said "The 2004 tsunami caused terrible destruction and left in its wake a legacy of human suffering in Sri Lanka and the other nations affected.

"The orphanage provides the boys with shelter, education, life coaching and vocational training and the orphans have been able to receive help from trained experts to assist their psychological and emotional development. As well as providing the boys with food and clean water an organic farm has also been created as a source of fresh garden

I am sure the Scottish Government support will assist the staff in their vital work to heal the emotional scars left by the tsunami and enable the children to grow into confident adults."

"Many children were left orphaned by the catastrophe and it's therefore extremely gratifying for the Scottish Gov-

