News story: Birmingham selected as host city for the 2022 Commonwealth Games

Karen Bradley joins Tracey Crouch signing the host city contract for the Commonwealth Games 2022

At a special media conference staged at the Arena Academy school in Birmingham, CGF President Louise Martin CBE applauded the city's ambitious and innovative vision to engage and benefit its local community, showcase the best of global Britain and warmly welcome and inspire athletes and fans from right across the Commonwealth.

Birmingham 2022, which is expected to take place from 27 July to 7 August 2022, marks 20 years since Manchester 2002, the last time the Games were held in England and follows a brilliant Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014.

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Karen Bradley said:

Birmingham will put on a fantastic Commonwealth Games in 2022 and I am delighted that the Commonwealth Games Federation has awarded us the right to host what will be a sporting spectacular. The Games will also give us a chance to show the best of Britain to the world, give great opportunities to the people and businesses of the West Midlands and beyond while inspiring many to get involved in sport.

I look forward to working with the Commonwealth Games Federation, Commonwealth Games England and Birmingham City Council over the coming years as we prepare for 2022.

Sports Minister Tracey Crouch said:

The UK has a brilliant track record for putting on the biggest sport events in the world and it is a great news that Birmingham has been selected to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games. I am sure that we will put on an event that will make the country proud, leave a strong sporting legacy and strengthen relationships with our friends across the Commonwealth.

Read the <u>Commonwealth Games Federation's press release</u>