



**Glasgow City Council**

**Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community  
& Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee**

**Report by Director of Community Empowerment & Equalities**

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**Item 5**

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**Update on Glasgow Children's Holiday Food Programme**

**Purpose of Report:**

This report provides an update on the Glasgow Children's Holiday Food Programme.

**Recommendations:**

The committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The council Budget set out a commitment to develop plans to tackle holiday hunger.
- 1.2 It was announced that, in 2018/19, £2 million would be available to scope out and organise holiday activity programmes in the city's 23 council wards. The funds would be redirected from the council's Integrated Grant Fund (IGF) existing allocations to council family and public sector agencies. The programme would make a hot meal and snack available to Glasgow's nursery, primary and secondary pupils during holiday periods.
- 1.3 The intention was for the council to work with individuals, organisations, charities and third sector partners who were already delivering holiday programmes to support the council's aim to tackle holiday hunger and apply for funds to help them upscale, expand provision and offer more places to children during holiday periods.
- 1.4 The fund was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> May with an online application process and a deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The deadline was extended until 20<sup>th</sup> July due to demand. Throughout this period the fund was widely publicised by stakeholders.
- 1.5 This report provides an update on the programme and in particular the summer holiday programme drawing on the evaluation report provided by the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) at **Appendix 1** to this report.

## **2 Governance**

- 2.1 A steering group, comprising officers from a range of council services and stakeholders from a range of partners including Third Sector, was formed to discuss, plan and agree the key aims, funding criteria and outcomes for the Glasgow Children's Summer Holiday Food Programme.
- 2.2 VAF was initially contracted via the Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership to manage a Wellbeing for Longer in Glasgow Fund. The summer food programme was delivered by VAF under this pre-existing contractual arrangement.
- 2.3 The Steering Group continued to meet over the summer with regular updates from VAF.
- 2.4 VAF assessed all applications against the published criteria.
- 2.5 Recommendations were then passed onto the council Grants & Initiatives Team to ensure that, where applicable, applicants were compliant with the terms and conditions of their IGF award.

## **3 Evaluation**

- 3.1 A total of 104 funding applications were received, 4 were rejected as they did not meet the criteria and 3 withdrew, as they were unable to meet conditions or due to loss of support staff.
- 3.2 £863,360 was awarded, with £837,992 spent by the 97 organisations awarded grants.
- 3.3 Spend levels indicate £487,620 on food/ancillary costs, £341,076 on other direct project costs (e.g. transport, sessional costs) and £34,644 on management costs.

- 3.4 This Programme has provided funding to 17 organisations which have not previously had IGF with awards totalling £102,806.
- 3.5 17 of the applications formed a partnership approach whereby organisations collaborated to deliver services.
- 3.6 Over 14,500 children/young people have benefitted from the programme.
- 3.7 The breakdown of number of projects is: 41 in the North East, 24 in the North West, 26 in the South, with 6 city-wide. A further breakdown at Ward level is provided in the Evaluation Report at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.8 VAF was awarded £86,533 for Programme Management costs. This included programme set-up, recruitment of staff, development of application and monitoring documentation, promotion of the programme, development of assessment criteria, provision of regular updates, collation of monitoring information, attendance at steering group and contract meetings and production of the Evaluation Report with lessons learned.

#### **4 Next Steps**

- 4.1 Based on the positive experience, arrangements were put in place for the programme to run during the October school holidays. Of the 97 organisations that delivered in summer, 61 applied and delivered the programme in the October week during which over 6,000 children benefitted and almost £250,000 was allocated.
- 4.2 VAF will programme manage the fund for the mid-term February break and prepare the application process for the Easter Holidays 2019/20.

### **5 Policy and Resource Implications**

#### **Resource Implications:**

*Financial:* Funding available via redirected IGF resources.

*Legal:* No new legal issues.

*Personnel:* No anticipated personnel issues.

*Procurement:* No relevant procurement issues.

**Council Strategic Plan:** Excellent and Inclusive Education. This will primarily focus on Priority 27 “Review and consider options to address the recommendations of the cost of the school day report including summer activities and extending free school meals”.

#### **Equality Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support the Council Equality Outcomes 2017-22*

Yes.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report*

The Project aims to address food poverty.

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.*

The Project helps tackle barriers to adequate nutrition intake.

### **Sustainability Impacts:**

*Environmental:*

The project aims to improve Children's health through access to healthy meals.

*Social, including Article 19 opportunities:*

The provision of meals is to, where practicable, be through locally-based community groups which will strengthen their role in the community.

*Economic:*

It is anticipated that there would be a positive economic impact.

### **Privacy and Data Protection impacts:**

No data protection impacts identified.

## **6 Recommendations**

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