

Item 2

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Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen City Policy
Committee

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Update on Glasgow Children's Holiday Food Programme

Purpose of Report:

To provide an update on the Glasgow Children's Holiday Food Programme.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note:

- this report and Appendix 1 and 2; and
- the significant contribution made by community and third sector organisations across the city to addressing holiday hunger

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

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

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1 Background

- 1.1 The council has provided funding since 2018/19 for a holiday food programme in the city's 23 council wards. The programme makes a meal and snack available to Glasgow's nursery, primary and secondary pupils aged 0-18 years during school holiday periods.
- 1.2 The focus of the programme is for the council to work with third sector organisations who were already delivering holiday projects to support the council's aim to tackle holiday hunger. Third sector organisations can apply for funds to help them upscale, expand provision and offer more places to children during holiday periods.
- 1.3 The 2021/22 programme was launched in September 2020 with an online application process and was widely publicised by stakeholders. Projects were approved at the City Administration Committee on [11 February 2021](#) and [25 February 2021](#)
- 1.4 **Appendix 1** to this report provides an update on the outcomes of the Summer 2021 Children's Holiday Food Programme. It provides statistics, feedback from providers and, most importantly, feedback from people who accessed the services sharing their experiences and insights.

2 Scottish Government Funding in response to Covid-19 Pandemic

- 2.1 Alongside the Children's Holiday Food Programme (CHFP), the Scottish Government provided funding for a Summer Offer for Children and Young People which was announced on 24th March 2021 [here](#) with the [guidance](#) for Local Authorities published on 8 May. A total of £20 million funding was made available nationally including £5m for National Partners such as Sportscotland, Early Years Scotland, Youthlink and Creative Scotland, Barnardo's and SAMH all of whom provided support under the umbrella of the national Get into Summer initiative.
- 2.2 £2.249m was awarded to Glasgow which was used to further augment partner activity in the existing Council CHFP provision, provide a delegated allocation to schools and their local provider partners and establish a range of city wide activities and transport for those most in need of support as part of the recovery programme. Education Services and Community Empowerment Services worked closely within the challenging timescales set for delivery to ensure that funding was not duplicated and the programmes were aligned to maximize community benefit. A ward analysis of the allocations is displayed at Appendix 2 alongside a total for city wide and third sector awards.
- 2.3 Children eligible for free school meals on financial grounds also received a payment of £80 for food over the summer period in addition to a £100 pandemic support payment.

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 The fund is subject to the Council's budgeting process and more information will be available early in 2022.
- 3.2 It remains important for the council through the provision of food to enhance the delivery of services which are already taking place across communities. The programme is intended to complement existing activities and for the

majority of council funds to go towards provision of food.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Funding available via council budget.

Legal: No new legal issues.

Personnel: No direct personnel issues.

Procurement: No 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 and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council’s Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. Yes the proposal has the potential to impact on the council Equality Outcomes in relation to the following Improvement Aims:
Improve economic outcomes for people with Protected Characteristics; and
Improve access to council Family Services by people with protected characteristics

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? The Programme aims to address food poverty.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. The Programme helps tackle barriers to adequate nutrition intake.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: It is anticipated that future funding will contribute to the continuing regeneration of Glasgow with many of the supported projects also led by local communities and community organisations.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

It is anticipated that funding awards will have a positive impact on third sector jobs, skills, local communities, social and community cohesion.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

No.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

No data protection impacts identified.

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