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REPORT TO: MEMBERS' LIBRARY SERVICE

MEETING DATE: October 2022

BY: Executive Director - Place

SUBJECT: Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme 2022

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide elected members with information on the success of the Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme 2022.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme was a Scottish Government funded initiative to provide targeted access to activities, childcare and food for children aged 5-14 from low income families throughout the 2022 summer holiday period.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government has made a commitment to make holiday childcare provision available to all children from low-income families by 2023. The 2022 programme was a precursor to the provision that will be made available from 2023 onwards. The Scottish Government allocated £10m additional funding to local authorities for the 2022 programme. East Lothian Council's share of this funding was £161,537.
- 3.3 This year's programme and funding differed from the 2021 universal programmes known as 'Get into Summer' and 'Summer of Play' which focused on indoor and outdoor activities for all children. The 2022 programme and funding was targeted at school age children age 5-14 from low income households and had a particular focus on childcare.
- 3.4 Childcare costs can be prohibitively high and prevents many parents from returning to work, or are pressured into low paid roles that offer flexibility. The summer holidays pose a significant challenge to many families, with

the pressures of child care, costs of food and summer activities placing further strain on families with low income. The Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme is meant to provide targeted provision for those families who are struggling the most.

3.5 Around nine in 10 children living in poverty are from households with one or more of the priority family characteristics identified in the Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan:

- Lone parent families
- Ethnic minority families
- Families with a disabled adult or child
- Families with a young mother (under 25)
- Families with a child under 1 year old
- Larger families (3+ children).

3.6 Therefore 85% of the Scottish Government's funding for the 2022 programme was to be targeted at children and young people from these six priority family groups. Additional children/ families targeted for the remaining 15% of the funding included, but was not limited to:

- Children from other low income families
- Care experienced children and young people
- Young carers
- Children in need of protection
- Children supported by a child's plan
- Children with Additional Support Needs
- Children who have undergone significant transitions, for example, starting in Early Learning and Childcare, primary or secondary school.

3.7 The funding supported activities and programmes targeted at children in the priority groups, over and above existing programmes run by council services and third sector groups such as Connected Communities, sport and arts services, the East Lothian Play Association and After School Clubs.

3.8 Seventeen proposals were considered and approved with total funding of £110,231.37. In addition the East Lothian Play Association received a total of £7,480 to provide cluster based Pop-up Play sessions events, concentrating mostly in areas with higher level Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data zones. A further £43,825.63 was awarded to Children's Services to enable social workers to provide positive interventions for families most in need (see para 3.6).

3.9 The evaluation of the programme showed that a total of 8,286 hours of childcare was provided through this year's Summer Programme. In addition:

- just over 13,500 snacks and lunches were provided to 1,777 children and young people

- 315 children attended trips and visits to various attractions in East Lothian and beyond
- 1,102 children took part in outdoor activities, learning new skills and taking advantage of beach days, picnics and other outdoor activities
- 58 children and young people took part in activities specifically targeted at additional support needs, providing valuable summer memories
- 103 children and young people also received intensive family support through Children’s Services.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications from this report.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 An Integrated impact assessment has not been carried out but every effort was been made to ensure that the funding from the programme met the needs of children and families from households with one or more of the priority family characteristics as detailed in paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – The £161,537 funding for the programme outlined in the report has been awarded by the Scottish Government.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1: Allocation of Funding from Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme

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Appendix 1: Final Allocation of Funding from Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme

Name of provider	Project	Amount awarded
After School Clubs	Places as ASC targeted by Children's Services	£2,946.50
Can Do	1-1 support for children with disabilities, play scheme and specialist services e.g. music therapy, speech and language therapy	£14,984.00
Children 1st	Our Families activities in Musselburgh and Kinship Care activities across East Lothian	£9,056.00
Drop Ins	Drop in sessions as well as local trips to activities such as Foxlake, and water sports	£2,792.00
East Lothian Champs Board	Parent/ child outings	£618.45
East Lothian Council Arts Service	Arts and drama programmes	£4,848.00
First Step, Musselburgh	to provide 72 family days out for 43 families, including food and transport,	£6,261.80
Gullane Village Association	Sport and other activities	£2,000.00
Haddington Connected Communities	P7/S1 transition summer project for 6 weeks @ 2 - 3 hours for pupils identified as needing extra support moving from primary to secondary	£635.88
Knox Academy	Take a small group of pupils for a break during the summer holiday	£600.00
Musselburgh ZAP ASN group	Small group activities for children with disabilities	£2,320.00
North Berwick Youth Project	2 spaces for 23 days; activities vary from Foxlake to Blair Drummond and home-based activities	£1,177.60
Pennypit Community Trust	Lunch club and activities and funding for staff costs to support children with ASN	£39,025.00
Port Seton Community Centre	x6 weeks Community Centre Club and x7 trips to various attractions, travel and food included	£16,934.78
Recharge Youth Centre	Activities and food with young people in Polson Park	£1,630.16
Summer programme at Dunbar Grammar – pop up activities	Local activities BBQ's, walks, parks, sport sessions targeted at age groups	£3,401.20
Youth Befriending Project	Free trips and activities, 3 times a week throughout the summer holidays.	£1,000.00
East Lothian Play Association	To provide cluster based Pop-up Play sessions	£7,480.00
East Lothian Council Children's Services	Discretionary 15% of budget to Children's Services for individual spending	£43,825.63
TOTAL		£161,537

