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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

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 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 is a Scottish Government funded initiative to provide targeted access to activities, childcare and food for children age 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 is a precursor to the provision that will be made available from 2023 onwards. The Scottish Government has allocated £10m additional funding to local authorities for the 2022 programme. East Lothian Council's share of this funding is £161,537.
- 3.3 This year's programme and funding differs 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 is targeted at school age children age 5-14 from low income households and has 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 is intended 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 include, but are 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 and guidance for the programme, which is due to start at the beginning of July, was only made available in May. Due to the short lead-in time, it has not been possible to complete a full open call for funding proposals as was undertaken in 2021. Community partners who worked with East Lothian Council last year were approached to establish what support might be required to provide additional or enhanced provision to meet the new funding guidance and priorities.

3.8 All proposals were considered alongside the Scottish Government guidance and how well the project might meet the fund's aims. In particular projects were prioritised where they clearly demonstrated that they would provide **additional or enhanced** provision, over and above existing and already funded projects and activities. All projects will provide food provision as part of their activities, which is a key target for projects this year.

3.9 The funding supports 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.

- 3.10 Seventeen proposals were considered and approved with total funding of £110,893.07. In addition the East Lothian Play Association will receive a total of £26,413.38 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 £24,230.55 (15% of the total) has been awarded to Children’s Services to enable social workers to provide positive interventions for families most in need (see para 3.6). Appendix 1 provide a breakdown of the funding and details of the projects and activities being funded.

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 has been made to ensure that the funding from the programme meets 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: Allocation of Funding from Summer Holiday Food, Activities and Childcare Programme

| Name of provider | Project | Amount awarded |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Musselburgh Burgh After School Club | 5 full day places per day Mon-Fri | £3,600.00 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Prestonpans Kids Club, Preston Tower PS - Infant Campus | 8 full day places Mon & Fri, and 5 full day places Tues/Wed/Thurs | £6,270.00 |
| 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 | £26,413.38 |
| East Lothian Council Children's Services | Discretionary 15% of budget to Children's Services for individual spending | £24,230.55 |
| TOTAL | | £161,537.00 |