

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	06 September 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Summer Holiday Provision 2022 – Interim Update Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an interim update on the successful delivery of South Lanarkshire's provision during the Summer of 2022 for children, young people and their families.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) the breadth and scale of delivery of the funded summer 2022 programme be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the Council has delivered this programme with the support of a variety of Third Sector Partners and organisations; and
- (3) that it be noted that a more detailed report will be presented to a later Committee meeting providing a detailed evaluation as to the impact on children, young people, families and communities.

3. Background

3.1. The Scottish Government announced in May 2022 that a £10m of funding (previously £15m in 2021) was to be distributed to local authorities to target provision of a summer 2022 holiday programme offering coordinated access to activities, childcare and food for children aged 5-14 from low-income families.

3.2. The criteria for targeting the fund was reviewed and updated by the Scottish Government with the result that the funding was now aimed at school age children aged 5-14 from low-income households. Around 9 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. 85% of this funding was intended to be targeted at children and young people from the priority family groups below:

- ♦ Children from lone parent families
- ♦ Children from ethnic minority families
- ♦ Children from families with a disabled adult or child
- ♦ Children from families with a young mother (under 25)
- ♦ Children from families with a child under 1 year old
- ♦ Children from larger families (3+ children)

3.3. 15% of the funding could be used flexibly to reach other children, including under-fives and older children, who would benefit from access to free holiday childcare, food and

activities and to be determined at local level. Local discretion could include, 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 ASN
- ◆ Children who have undergone significant transitions, for example, starting in ELC, primary or secondary school

- 3.4. This funding was added to existing Council Funding and enabled the continuation of South Lanarkshire Council's summer holiday "sensational summer sessions" provision, developed and overseen by the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service.
- 3.5. This provision was delivered with the support of Third Sector Partners, as well as the wider Youth, Family and Community Learning Service (Universal Connections), over 6 days per week, including evenings and weekends. Community and voluntary organisations made bids from the 4 localities across South Lanarkshire.
- 3.6. As a result of this approach, 60 organisations across South Lanarkshire successfully received up to £3000 to deliver programmes, activities, and childcare in line with the criteria of the Scottish Government fund, including children and young people with ASN and those facing significant transitions. Of these organisations,
- ◆ 8 were Uniformed organisations;
 - ◆ 6 were Faith based organisations;
 - ◆ 10 were Sports based organisations;
 - ◆ 5 were Early Years organisations;
 - ◆ 10 were community organisations including Community Councils, Tenants Associations and Parent Councils;
 - ◆ 17 were Voluntary Sector Youth Work organisations; and
 - ◆ 4 were ASN organisations

The full list of organisations is listed in Appendix 1.

- 3.7. This report provides an initial overview of the 2022 summer provision and the impact on children, young people, families and communities. The full evaluation process will commence at the beginning of September whereafter a future report will provide a more detailed impact of the overall summer provision within the Council, in line with the reporting timescales set by the Scottish Government.

4. Summer provision 2022

- 4.1. 14 "Sensational Summer Sessions" clubs were successfully delivered across South Lanarkshire during the summer holiday period. The clubs ran from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, during the 6 weeks of the summer holidays with a breakfast and lunch service both included within the day.
- 4.2. Meetings took place with Head Teachers and partners in their communities to discuss the planned programme content and to help identify families who would most benefit from this programme. Parents/carers were disseminated information by the Head Teachers prior to the start of the programme to gauge their interest on the potential benefits for their children and young people.

- 4.3. In addition, people known to services were approached to directly offer places in the clubs. This included contact with Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Resettlement Programme and Kinship Families, ensuring further targeted engagement with young people who would benefit from the summer provision.
- 4.4. Young people directly took ownership of the programmes in each school, naming the programme to personalise the experience whilst fully engaging in planning the activities that they wished to participate in. This helped to ensure that programmes were tailored to the needs of children and young people, with due cognisance given to the voice of those young people with additional support needs.
- 4.5. 4 voluntary sector partners were actively engaged in delivering the Sensational Summer Sessions programme. These partners were:
- ◆ Healthy Valleys which delivered for the area of Lanark in Clydesdale
 - ◆ Blantyre Youth Development Team (Terminal One) which delivered for Blantyre area
 - ◆ Hamilton Information Project for Youth. (HIPY) which delivered for the Fairhill/Laighstonehall area in Hamilton
 - ◆ Machan Trust which delivered for the area of Larkhall.
- 4.6. Induction training was provided by Youth, Family and Community Learning Service staff (YFCL) and Education Resources central HQ staff to ensure all partners had the necessary knowledge in areas such as Child Protection.
- 4.7. In excess of 820 children and young people were registered for the Sensational Summer Sessions provision and accessed some but not all of the Sensational Summer Session provision with over 110 children and young people identifying as having additional support needs. This does not include Universal Connections, Pathfinders, KEAR and wider YFCL provision, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture or voluntary sector provision, which as stated above, will be reported on at a future Education Resources Committee.
- 4.8. As part of the programme of delivery, a number of internal and external partners were involved in the delivery of inputs to further embed educational input. Partners included Go Fresh Van, Forest Friends, Terminal One Climbing Wall, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, The Dog's Trust, Story Telling through Libraries, sports activities through Active Schools, Regen:FX, Petting Zoo, Inflatables, Healthy 'n' Happy, Community Police, and engagement of staff by the newly developed Family Wellbeing initiative.
- 4.9. Children and young people participated in a range of themed activities such as
- ◆ "Get Into Summer" (start of the summer programmes) to decide activities,
 - ◆ "Make a wish!" about inventing own superhero powers, positive images, positive thought and strengths, who are your superheroes in your life etc.,
 - ◆ "Harry Potter" imaginative play, scavenger hunts, play acting and roleplay, positive spells to help people, build confidence and be creative
 - ◆ "Camp Craft", camping activities, cook-outs and bug hunts (understanding the fauna) and looking after the environment
 - ◆ "End of summer" talent shows, galleries of artwork and campfire songs
 - ◆ "Jurassic week" learning about dinosaurs, making volcanoes, movie day
 - ◆ "Science week" make your own flying car, STEM activities such as magnet making, magnet maze, secret code writing
 - ◆ "Animal week" animal origami, animal masks, jungle banner

- ◆ “Space week” making solar systems (paper mâché planets), non-bake baking flying saucers, rocket art (moon sand in a bottle)
 - ◆ Active Schools sessions in each club on a weekly basis
- 4.10. Each of the locations was supported by the Go Fresh Van and Mascot, providing frozen yoghurt ice-cream to support outdoor activities, and indoor cooking activities with “Chef Roberto”.
- 4.11. As part of the wider provision under the 15% funding flexibility, we successfully engaged with providers to support places for children. Organisations provided childcare, food and activities and included:
- ◆ Cambuslang Out of School Care Project
 - ◆ Carmichael Babies and Toddlers
 - ◆ Champions of Autism Spectrum Together (COAST)
 - ◆ Larkhall Baptist Church
 - ◆ Little Rascals Toddler Group (Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre)
 - ◆ REACH Lanarkshire Autism
 - ◆ Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) Playscheme
 - ◆ Supporting Autism in Lanarkshire (SAIL)
 - ◆ The Playbarn Out of School Care
- 4.12. Within Greenburn School, KEAR YFCL, there was a dedicated programme for children with more complex additional support needs that ensured they were able to equally participate in the themed activities. In addition to this, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture provided sessions at Carluke Leisure Centre supporting children attending Victoria Park School in Carluke.
- 4.13. As well as the delivery of activity programmes within the sensational summer session clubs, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture supported access to outdoor learning activities such as paddle boarding, raft building, kayaking and sailing at the James Hamilton Heritage Park. They also provided mindfulness, meditation and yoga sessions and other cultural indoor events. In addition, a number of children and young people have been identified as benefiting from health and fitness activities and were provided with ACE passes and junior gym passes, to support and encourage them to continue participation in these activities.
- 4.14. The opportunity to engage with and involve the Third Sector and partners has proven to be a tremendous success, supporting delivery within local communities, which has encouraged a wider participation, resulting in greater numbers benefiting from the provision. The success of this, including the attendance numbers will be reflected in the full evaluation report and information contained with a future Education Resources Committee.
- 4.15. To complement the provision, a bank of resources and equipment such as Silent Disco, Playhouses for imaginative play, STEAM materials, supersized outdoor games, playmats, circus resources, VR Headsets, and extreme sports equipment aided planning and delivery, both for the Council and voluntary sector partners.
- 4.16. This ensured the delivery of creative, powerful, innovative and inclusive experiences for targeted young people and their families, across South Lanarkshire, in line with the Scottish Government’s recommendations.

5. Evaluation and Feedback

- 5.1. As part of the fuller evaluation, all participants and parents will receive a Google form to complete. Below is a selection of feedback that has been recorded from young people, parents/carers and staff as part of the ongoing feedback during the sensational summer session provision:

"Meeting other children from other schools and kept her in some kind of routine which helps with home behaviour". **Parent**

"The hub has given us time to adjust to a new country. It has helped with my daughter's English, and she has enjoyed the interactions with other children". **Parent**

"When I grow up I'm becoming a chef like my dad, this was great fun!" **Young person**

"I loved the Rock climbing, Fire Fighters teaching us how to work the hose, the woods, the bouncy castle and football" **Young person**

"I enjoyed all of it!" **Young person**

"Our son has grown in confidence, telling us about all the new friends he has made. He has mentioned how kind the staff were while looking after him. It has allowed me some time so that I can give my son my full attention after the hub. He has had a fantastic time, couldn't ask for anything better. Thank you so much for all your hard work." **Parent**

"You have all gone above and beyond to entertain all the children. All the activities were fabulous". **Parent**

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. Education Resources enlisted its own staff to work over the summer period e.g. YFCL staff, Support Services staff plus also other Resources such as Facilities staff (kitchen, janitorial and cleaning). Rates of pay were consistent with that established in previous summer programmes.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding of £577k was made available from the additional monies provided by the Scottish Government for summer holiday provision, together with Council funding of £143k. This total funding of £720k was used for resources, to cover the costs to run the summer activities (council staff costs) and to engage external organisations to be involved in and support individual local programmes, thereby enhancing the level of provision across the authority area.
- 7.2. Information on final actual full spend is still being quantified and will be provided within the detailed report to be presented to a future Education Resources Committee.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no climate change, sustainability or environmental implications in terms of the recommendations in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no risk implications in terms of the recommendations in this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function of strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 10.2. Consultation on the programme will be carried out with all appropriate stakeholders including children, young people, families, staff and partners, to ensure that needs are identified and met

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1 : List of Third Sector Organisations Delivering Summer Projects

18th B East Kilbride guides
1st East Kilbride Brownies
2nd Cambuslang Guide Unit
2nd East Kilbride Boys' Brigade
8th Clyde (St Vincent de Paul) Scout Group
Biggar Netball Club
Biggar Youth Project
Burnside Blairbeth Church
Cambuslang and Rutherglen Christian Reachout Trust
Cambuslang Football Academy
Cambuslang Football Club
Cambuslang out of school care project
Cambuslang Rangers F.C.
Carluke and District Community Connections
Carmichael Babies and Toddlers
Carmichael Community Council
Cathkin Community Awards Duke of Edinburgh Centre
Champions of Autism Spectrum Together
Circuit Youth Project
Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust
COVEY
East Kilbride Cricket Club
East Kilbride Sea Cadets
EK82 Handball Club
Fernhill communities together
Fernhill Hyper Cyber
Fernhill kids playscheme
Fernhill soccer school
Girlguiding Scotland
GOTO - Step in
GOTO - Step up
Hamilton Academical WFC
Hamilton Information Project for Youth
Hillhouse Residents and Tenants Association
Hyper Cyber Youth Project
James Aiton Parent Council
Jnr Street Project
Kirkmuirhill Parish Church
Larkhall Avondale Amateur Swimming Club
Larkhall Baptist Church
Little Rascals Toddler Group (Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre)
Lunar Gymnastics Club
Mossneuk Parish Church
Project 31
REACH Lanarkshire Autism
Rutherglen Glencairn
Snr Street Project
Special Needs Adventure Playground
Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team
Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth Club
Supporting Autism in Lanarkshire

Supporting Our Community
Terminal One Youth Centre
The Machan Trust
The Ohana Club
The Playbarn Out of School Care
Third Lanark 2005
Waist Not Want Not
Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre
Woolfords Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation (WAT IF)