

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 November 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Enhanced Summer Programme 2021 (Sensational Summer Sessions) – Evaluation
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on the successful delivery of South Lanarkshire's Sensational Summer Sessions provision and of the Scottish Government funded Enhanced Summer Programme 2021 in South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) the breadth and scale of delivery through the 2021 enhanced summer programme; be noted.
- (2) the wider, additional impacts for those who attended and for communities as a result of the Scottish Government funding, be noted.
- (3) the support of Third Sector Partners and organisations, in partnership with the Council, to deliver the programme in localities be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. A report was presented to the Education Resources Committee on 1 June 2021 outlining plans for the continuation of the Council's sensational summer sessions and the provision of additional enhanced experiences across the summer in line with the Scottish Government's 'Get Into Summer' campaign. The main aim of the initiative was to help improve the wellbeing of those children, young people and families who had been disproportionately affected during the pandemic and might not otherwise have access to activities and wider support, during the school holidays, allowing them to socialise, play and reconnect within their local communities.
- 3.2. An interim evaluation report was presented to the Education Resources Committee on 31 August 2021 on the 14 Sensational Summer Session clubs that ran for six weeks over the school holiday period. It was noted that a further report would be presented, as the evaluation process on the utilisation of the additional funding of the enhanced summer programme was not due for completion until mid-September 2021.
- 3.3. This enhanced provision allowed for the expansion of the "sensational summer sessions" to include young people aged 12 to 17 and their families, with the additional support of voluntary sector partners located in local communities, as well as the wider

Youth, Family and Community Learning Service (Universal Connections), over 7 days per week, including evenings and weekends.

- 3.4. 83 projects were funded through the Enhanced Summer Provision Fund supporting uniformed, faith based, sport and voluntary sector organisations aiming to deliver a variety of opportunities and activities to over 2,500 children, young people and families.
- 3.5. This report provides an overview of the programme of summer activities which took place and an insight into the impact on children, young people, families and communities.

4. Summer Programme 2021

- 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 included within the day. 985 young people registered to attend, with 789 actually participating. Of these, 151 identified as having additional support needs. The impact outcomes used to evaluate the programme are the agreed Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLD) outcomes that underpin the CLD 3-Year Strategic Plan (Appendix 1).
- 4.2. A range of existing and new partners were engaged in the delivery of programmes and activities over the summer holidays. Existing partners are listed below with the 76 partners delivering programmes through the Enhanced Summer Provision Fund listed in Appendix 2:
 - ◆ South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership
 - ◆ Regen:FX Youth Trust
 - ◆ Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire Third Sector Interface
 - ◆ South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust
 - ◆ Hamilton Information Project for Youth
 - ◆ Who Cares? Scotland
 - ◆ Healthy Valleys
 - ◆ Blantyre Youth Development Team (Terminal One)
 - ◆ Machan Trust
- 4.3. Funding was made available from the Council’s own budget (£380K) and the additional monies from the Scottish Government (£882K). By enabling public sector and voluntary sector organisations to bid for up to £4,000 to support the delivery of programmes, events, trips and visits etc., an additional 83 bespoke programmes were delivered across South Lanarkshire, by the 76 partners. This expansion of free access to provision enabled 7,691 children and adults to benefit. The additional funding enabled a much wider programme of activities to take place across South Lanarkshire.
- 4.4. In relation to planned provision, through the enhanced summer programme funding, the council was able to provide enhanced experiences and an expanded programme of activities to more participants, supporting 3,349 children, young people and adults. In total, 11,040 people participated in activities of which 8,703 were children and young people and 2,337 were adults.
- 4.5. As part of the enhanced summer programme funding criteria, the Scottish Government set out a list of targeted groups within their guidance.

The table below outlines the number of children and young people attending from across the targeted groups identified by the Scottish Government:

Table 1 – Outline of children engaged from each target group as defined by the Scottish Government:

Targeted group	Number of Children and Young People
Children from low income households	6,424
Children from those priority family groups identified in the Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan: larger families; families with a disabled child or adult; young mothers; families with children under one; and minority ethnic families	1,127
Children from families who have been shielding during the pandemic and whose ability to engage in activities and socialise will have been very limited	3,794
Children with a disability or additional support need	1,169
Care experienced children and young people	434
Young carers	70
Children in need of protection	29
Children supported by a child's plan	31
Children who have undergone significant transitions during lockdown or will experience them this year, including starting in ELC, starting primary school, moving to secondary school and leaving school	1,835

4.6. Activities delivered

4.6.1. Below are examples of the activities that were created and delivered across South Lanarkshire over 7 days per week for the duration of the summer, at times and venues, which supported participation by children, young people and their families:

- ◆ Sports
- ◆ Ice Skating passes
- ◆ Swimming passes
- ◆ Gym Passes
- ◆ Outdoor Learning
- ◆ Arts and Crafts
- ◆ Performance Art
- ◆ STEM
- ◆ Support Packages (food and activities)
- ◆ Extreme Sports (skateboarding, inline skates and BMX)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing
- ◆ Food Activities
- ◆ Whole Family Events
- ◆ Transition Focused
- ◆ Trips and Visits
- ◆ Gala Days
- ◆ Inflatables
- ◆ ASN support
- ◆ Child, Youth and Family focussed activities

4.6.2. In addition to the delivery of activity programmes, free personalised support such as the provision of passes to leisure services including swimming and ice-skating passes, access to tennis and outdoor learning activities through South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust were made available. A number of children, young people and adults have been identified as benefitting from health and fitness activities and were provided with ACE passes and junior gym passes, or adult gym pass, to support and encourage them to continue participation in these activities. This has been supported by all partners involved in the delivery of the Sensational Summer Session/enhanced summer programme activities.

4.6.3. Health and wellbeing was a feature and food was integrated into activities by offering supported access to breakfast, lunch, dinner and healthy snacks as an element of the programmes.

4.6.4. In total, 3,635 activities were delivered across South Lanarkshire during the summer of 2021. The partnership approach adopted has very much further cemented relationships with voluntary sector and other organisations.

4.7. Outcome achieved

4.7.1. As stated in 4.1 above, using identified Community Learning and Development Partnerships impact measures and from feedback from staff and partners, the following positive outcomes were identified by children and young people:

- improvement in their confidence and self-esteem
- improvement in their mental health and wellbeing
- improvement in their social skills
- improvement in their physical health and wellbeing

Children, young people and families have also expressed interest in maintaining contact or attending further opportunities, which enables them to benefit further from this programme of activities and the social interaction which was also highlighted as a real positive aspect.

4.8. Resources

4.8.1. The opportunity to use the funding to invest in new equipment and enhance existing resources was also a successful part of the programme. For example, these will now be used and shared for the benefit of the wider community and include:

- Oculus Virtual Reality headsets
- Portable 5-a-side pitch
- Refurbished and repaired Climbing Wall
- Replaced BMX and skateboarding equipment
- Silent disco equipment
- STEM programming equipment
- Musical equipment

5. Evaluation and Feedback

5.1. As part of the evaluation, all participants, parents, and staff were provided with a form to complete. The views from young people, parents/carers and staff have been collated and are shown in Appendix 3.

5.2. Building on the feedback, observations and the reflections a range of good practice has been identified, as well as areas that would result in positive change and this will

be used in the planning of future holiday programme provision, to ensure the experience for young people and their families can be enriching as it can be.

- 5.3. The Enhanced Summer Provision Fund has been highly successful in providing the opportunity for local voluntary organisations to access to funding to deliver community-based activities during the holiday period. Combined with the planned provision through the Council and existing partners, it is clear that the programme of activities has made a difference and touched the lives of many children, young people and families.
- 5.4. The opportunity to engage with and involve the Third Sector and partners in the delivery of the Enhanced Summer Programme has proven to be successful, supporting delivery and building capacity within local communities, which has encouraged a wider group of people to take part and in greater numbers benefitting from the provision.
- 5.5. The continuation of this fund would ensure the delivery of creative, powerful, innovative, and inclusive experiences for targeted young people and their families, across South Lanarkshire by building on the good practice that was developed during the summer 2021.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. Education Resources enlisted its own staff to work over the summer period e.g. from Youth, Families and Community Learning, Support Services plus staff from other Resources such as Facilities staff (kitchen, janitorial and cleaning).

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding was made available from the Council's own budget for the continuation of the Sensational Summer Sessions (£380k) and paid for the costs of staff, food and materials. The additional monies provided by the Scottish Government (£882k) for enhanced and additional summer programme delivery was used for resources, and to cover the costs to run the summer activities.

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 to ascertain feedback on the programme was carried out with all appropriate stakeholders including children, young people, families, staff and partners, to ensure that needs were identified and met.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Deliver better health and social care outcomes for all
- Support communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation, and supporting aspiration
- Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational
- Encourage participation in physical and cultural activities

Previous References

- Education Resources Committee – 1 June 2021
- Education Resources Committee – 31 August 2021

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1 – Community Learning and Development Partnership Impact Measures

Outcome	Improved life chances for people of all ages through learning, personal development and active citizenship
A. LEARNING	
1	Learners have improved confidence and self-esteem.
2	Learners have improved their social skills.
3	Learners have reduced risk related behaviour.
4	Learners have improved their mental health and wellbeing.
5	Learners have improved their physical health and wellbeing.
6	Learners have improved/enhanced their parenting skills.
7	Learners have gained a positive experience through regular attendance.
8	Learners with ASN have engaged positively in a learning programme.
9	Learners have developed Social Enterprise skills.
B. LITERACY	
1	Learners have improved their literacy skills.
2	Learners have improved their numeracy skills.
3	Learners have improved their IT skills.
4	Learners have improved their budgeting skills.
C. ESOL	
1	Learners have improved their English Language Skills.
2	Learners are more able to support their child's learning.
3	Learners are participating in other learning and/or community activity.
D. FAMILY LEARNING	
1	Learners are better able to support their child's / family member's learning in literacy and numeracy.
2	Learners are better able to support their child's / family member's health and wellbeing.
3	Learners are better able to support their child's curricular learning.
4	Learners are better able to support their child at key transitions
E. AWARDS/QUALIFICATIONS	
1	Learners have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification.
2	Learners have received an award to recognise their achievements.
F. PROGRESSION	
1	Learners have improved their aspirations and ambitions.
2	Learners have re-engaged with education / lifelong learning.
3	Learners have improved their employability skills.
4	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly within service.
5	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly outwith service.
6	Learners have progressed to other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities.
7	Learners understand their own progress and development
Outcome	Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities
G. CAPACITY BUILDING	
1	Learners have improved their understanding of community and world issues.
2	Learners have been involved in consultation activity.
3	Learners contribute effectively to local or national decision making.
4	Learners support and influence their own community, including participating in formal decision making.
5	Learners continue to do voluntary work regularly within service.
6	Learners continue to do voluntary work regularly outwith service.
7	Groups receive effective support to enable them to build community capacity.

Appendix 2 – List of Voluntary and Public Sector partners funded through the Enhanced Summer Provision (ESP) Fund.

1. REACH Lanarkshire Autism
2. HI-BABS
3. Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP)
4. The Haven (Caring Counselling Communication Centre)
5. PAMIS
6. South Lanarkshire kinship care group
7. Who Cares? Scotland
8. Lunar Gymnastics Club
9. Supporting Autism In Lanarkshire (SAIL autism)
10. Hamilton Academical Women's & Girl's Football Club
11. Regen:FX Youth Trust
12. ASN Parents together
13. GoTo
14. Burnhill Youth Project
15. Lanarkshire Additional Support Team (LAST)
16. Law & District AAC
17. 4th Carluke Boys' Brigade
18. Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub
19. Lanark Tennis Club
20. Trust Jack Foundation
21. Carmichael Community Council
22. Braehead Primary Parent Council
23. Abington primary school parent council
24. Wiston Lodge
25. Lanark Community Development Trust
26. Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust
27. Carluke bowling club
28. South of Scotland Shoto Budo
29. Woolfords Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation WAT IF
30. Biggar Rugby Club
31. Carluke and District Community Connection
32. Community Kids
33. Hillhouse Residents and Tenants Assoc
34. The Machan Trust
35. Supporting Our Community
36. 112th Lanarkshire Scout Group
37. Whitehill Activity Group
38. Larkhall Community Growers
39. Hamilton Old Parish Church
40. Hamilton Information Project for Youth
41. Hyper Cyber Youth Project
42. Terminal One Youth Centre
43. Fairhill Activity Group
44. Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth Project
45. Larkhall Baptist Church
46. Burnbank Youth Group

47. Springwell Youth Project
48. Coatshill Youth Project
49. Hillhouse Youth Project
50. Waist Not Want Not
51. Mossneuk Parish Church and Stewartfield Parish Church
52. Claremont Parish Church
53. Westwood Baptist Church Youth Club
54. East Kilbride Cricket Club
55. EK82 Handball Club
56. Strathaven and Glassford Community Council
57. Encore Stars Academy
58. Avondale and Drumclog Parish Church
59. 8th Clyde (St Vincent de Paul) Scout Group
60. Calderwood Baptist Church
61. Cambuslang Rugby Club
62. Cambuslang & Rutherglen Christian Reach Out Trust
63. Rutherglen Glencairn 2006
64. Cambuslang Football Academy
65. Cambuslang Churches Holiday Club
66. Cambuslang Rangers 2008s
67. The Ohana Club
68. Project 31
69. Fernhill Hyper Cyber
70. Cambuslang Football Club
71. Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team
72. Springhall Community Youth Project
73. Cathkin Duke of Edinburgh Centre
74. Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre
75. 2nd Cambuslang Guide Unit
76. Cambuslang Rangers F.C.

Appendix 3

Quotes from children and young people:

"The best part was making the canvas, as we got to design it ourselves. I made mine for my bedroom and am going to put it up on my wall." **Young person**

"I was worried I wouldn't have any friends going to High School and now I have met people who are going and I am meeting them to go to school." **Young person**

"I really enjoyed trying the new activities, I loved making t-shirts and making one for my wee brother." **Young person**

"I liked the movie afternoon on the big screen, we got to pick the movie and had hotdogs & popcorn just like the cinema. It was better than the cinema as we didn't have to keep quiet and could pause it." **Young person**

"Best summer I've ever had" **Young person**

Quotes from parents/carers:

"The summer club has been amazing for me and my kids. I am a single parent of 6 and really struggle sometimes during the summer. The school breakfasts and lunches let me not have to worry about the food bills and let me pay other things. Thank you so much for this, they loved it! **Parent – Sensational Summer Sessions.**

"My child has been in isolation for all of COVID due to their anxiety about COVID, my son is on the autism spectrum. This has been an amazing experience, the gradual return into working with the group taking part in a wide variety of activities has enabled him to regain friendships and confidence to go outside. **Parent – Enhanced Summer Provision Funded Programme.**

"Thank you so much for all your hard work. My son is an only child who I feel is sometimes isolated during school holidays. The hub has really brought him out his shell and he has made new friends and now attends the local youth centre. He is actually upset that the summer is over. The work you guys do is amazing, he is such a happy boy. **Parent – Sensational Summer Sessions.**

"This project has been fantastic for my daughter as she was starting to struggle with her mental health. **Parent – Enhanced Summer Provision Funded Programme.**

"After losing his Dad my son really struggled with this. I highlighted this to the staff at the start of the summer and how he has been acting. I feel that his confidence grew, it gave him something to think about and structure. Thank you for making such a difference. It would have been a very difficult summer without you all. **Parent – Sensational Summer Sessions.**

"These days out and meet ups have been amazing. Thank you. Over the summer my boys and I attended many events with ASN parents together. This gave me the confidence to go to new parks and do activities we have never done before. **Parent – Enhanced Summer Provision Funded Programme.**

Quotes from staff and partners

“The enhanced Summer Provision Fund was an amazing opportunity for a lot of children from chaotic homes and deprived circumstances to have fun and flourish. All children need to have outdoor fun in the summertime. **Partner – Enhanced Summer Provision Funded Programme.**

“Very enjoyable time in the hub. It has been a privilege to work in here. Thank you for this opportunity – I would be thrilled to come back, thanks! **Staff – Sensational Summer Sessions.**

“I can't tell you how many children and families have spoken to me about what a great support it was to them and to their children... The children have spoken with great affection about the staff and the activities that they did. Many children who said they would only attend 2-3 times per week, attended each and every day because they enjoyed it so much... Almost all of the children who needed to attend, went to the hub, and that in my opinion is nothing short of a small miracle. **Head Teacher – Sensational Summer Sessions.**