

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2021
Title:	Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Recommendations Summer 2021
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for grant awards to organisations offering holiday activity and food schemes to benefits eligible Free School Meal (FSM) children during the Summer 2021 school holidays, funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme.

Recommendation(s)

2. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the award of HAF Summer grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 to this report up to a total value of £2,061,286.60.
3. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the reallocation of any HAF remaining or underspent funds to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraph 18, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member; this may include new grants to partner organisations to supplement the HAF Summer offer where gaps are identified at a local level.

Executive Summary

4. The Department for Education (DfE) have provided every local authority in England funding to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for children eligible for benefits related free school meals. The programme covers the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. Hampshire County Council (the Council) were awarded £3,319,940.
5. Between 02 May and 15 May 2021, the Council invited grant applications from organisations able to provide holiday activity and food schemes during the 2021 Summer holidays 26 July to 01 September. Applications had to deliver to the DfE HAF programme outcomes identified in paragraph 18.
6. Under Type A grants (further described in paragraph 22), applications were received from 40 organisations for 94 projects. Under Type B (described in paragraph 22), applications were received from 17 organisations for 45 projects. These were evaluated by a panel of council officers, resulting in recommendations contained in this report for 108 separate grant awards up to a total value of £2,061,286.60.
7. The total value of applications requested exceeded the budget available. Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants and to those where requests for funding were only partially recommended.
8. Some grant recommendations to projects may decrease following best value discussions with organisations which are currently underway.
9. Successful organisations will need to submit monitoring to the Council to ensure that the funding is reaching the target cohort of children and young people and that the provision is of good quality.
10. Applications for Christmas holiday provision between 20 December 2021 to 4 January 2022 will be sought from organisations in the coming months. Following an evaluation process, recommendations for grant funding will be brought to a future decision day.

Contextual information

11. On 8 November 2020, the Government announced that the HAF programme, which has provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018, will be expanded across the whole of England in 2021. Grant allocations and requirements were published by the DfE on 8 February 2021.

12. The HAF programme covers the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021, and the DfE will make up to £220m available to local authorities for the programme. It will be available to children in every local authority in England and will build on the success of the local holiday programmes that the Government have been funding since 2018.
13. Hampshire County Council have been allocated funding of up to £3,319,940.
14. School holidays can be particular pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. For some children that can lead to a holiday experience gap - with children from disadvantaged families less likely to access organised out-of-school activities; more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health and are more likely to experience social isolation.
15. Free holiday clubs are a response to this issue and evidence suggests that they can have a positive impact on children and young people. It also shows they work best when they provide consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities, when they offer more than just breakfast or lunch, and when they involve children (and parents) in food preparation.
16. The aim of the HAF programme is to make free places available to children eligible for free school meals for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This would cover four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of provision in each of the Easter and Christmas holidays in 2021. Organisations will also be able to offer additional places to fee paying families.
17. Across Hampshire, there are currently 31,026 children who are potentially eligible to access holiday places on the HAF programme based on actual FSM eligibility numbers from school census information.
18. The desired outcomes of the programme are to encourage children and young people to:
 - a) To eat more healthily over the school holidays;
 - b) To be more active during the school holidays;
 - c) To take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and well being along with their wider education attainment;
 - d) To be safe and not to be socially isolated;
 - e) To have greater knowledge of health nutrition;
 - f) To be more engaged with school and other local services.
19. The HAF programme also aims to ensure that the children and families who participate in the programme develop their understanding of nutrition and food

budgeting as well as being effectively signposted towards other information and support for example health, employment and education.

20. The Council seeks to achieve these aims through the provision of holiday clubs and activities. Organisations will be grant funded to provide free of charge places at their schemes for eligible children and will be required to provide a healthy meal as part of their core delivery. They will provide a range of activities for the children and young people to engage with and participate in, with a focus on healthy eating and healthy lifestyles as a common theme. Organisations will also be expected to support the wider family and signpost to other key community resources as required.

Hampshire's Approach

21. The Holiday Activity and Food grant initiative will be delivered under the 'connect4communities' programme of work:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

22. The funding for the Summer holidays will be allocated across two different grant streams:

- Grant Type A – For childcare places in existing schemes/clubs or new schemes/clubs being proposed in priority and rural areas;
- Grant Type B – For Summer holiday events, short activities, innovative projects and initiatives targeting priority and rural areas, older children & young people (11–16 year olds), and families

23. Applications were invited against these two grant streams via the connect4communities website. Organisations were able to apply for one or more of the grants available depending on the type of activity they were seeking to deliver.

Finance

24. The Hampshire grant allocation from the DfE is £3,319,940. The table below reflects the actual and recommended spend to date, it includes the administration costs of managing the grant on behalf of the DfE, and shows the balance remaining for Christmas.

25. Given the total value of the grant, and the number of Hampshire FSM children of 31,026, the DfE HAF programme only provides £107 per FSM child in Hampshire. This is clearly not sufficient to provide access to HAF for every

potentially eligible child and there is also no expectation that every single eligible child would access the programme.

26. The Easter HAF programme saw in the region of 26-30% of FSM children reached in Hampshire. Using this figure for summer indicates that the programme needs to provide for 8,067 – 9,308.
27. The HAF Summer programme is based on 4 weeks of delivery across 4 days and minimum delivery is 4 hours (as per DfE requirements). To simplify we have used a unit “Places” calculation of number of children who can attend in any one day. This figure is then multiplied by the number of days (10) and number of weeks (4). So, a target to reach 10 children would be 10 x 4 days x 4 weeks = 160 places.
28. The Summer Hampshire HAF Programme through the recommended awards aims to secure 53,032 places which will provide in the order of 6,778 – 13,556 FSM children access to the scheme.
29. As an example; if our reach is 25% of Hampshire FSM eligible children, they will have access to 7 days of free activity and food across the summer.
30. Table 1: *Actual and recommended spend to date, administration costs of, and balance remaining for Christmas:*

A Easter Grants Paid	B Summer Grant Recommended	C Christmas Grant Forecast	D Admin Forecast**	E Total
£346,093*	£2,061,287	£580,566	£331,994	£3,319,940

31. *Please note that this figure differs from the Easter Decision Report amount due to underspend being reclaimed from providers who were unable to fill all their funded places. The funding was reinvested back into the scheme to top up summer provision and is reflected in column B above.

Performance

32. All funding granted to third party organisations (including schools, and early years providers) will be supported by a grant agreement setting out the conditions of the funding as well as reporting requirements.
33. Third party organisations will be required to report to the Council on how they have spent the funding provided, in line with the DfE grant criteria.

34. The Council has developed a monitoring approach which will embed and drive quality from the outset of the project. Monitoring is completed in three phases with the first being a self-assessment process mapping provider planning against HAF standards.
35. In phase two, Council officers will review, assess, and evidence the self-assessment, challenging providers where needed and highlighting and sharing exemplar practice. Phase two will include monitoring visits and cumulates in a HAF profile and score.
36. The final phase will pull together qualitative data in which Council officers will seek the views of children and participating families. In this phase will identify and highlight the most significant changes made to individuals, families and communities. This will form the basis for our own evaluation by the DfE.
37. In terms of Christmas provision, a range of proposals are being tested with key stakeholders such as families, schools and Family Support Service colleagues to ensure that any commissioned offer meets need.

Consultation and Equalities

38. These grants will have a positive impact on the following protected characteristics:
- Age - children and young people and their families will benefit from these grants.
 - Disability – services provided will be inclusive.
39. The grants will also have a positive impact on rural and poverty considerations as provision will be targeted where there are currently gaps in rural areas and provision will be free of charge to benefits eligible free school meals children.

Other Key Issues

40. As part of the application process, organisations were asked to detail their Covid risk assessments. They were also asked to provide contingencies to their delivery plans should face to face sessions not be possible. Online activities and resources, and home food deliveries will enable organisations to mitigate against further restrictions if necessary, whilst still offering a level of support to eligible children and their families.

Conclusions

41. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the award of HAF Summer grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 to this report up to a total value of £2,061,286.60.
42. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the reallocation of any HAF remaining or underspent funds to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraph 19, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member; this may include new grants to partner organisations to supplement the HAF Summer offer at schemes where gaps are identified at a local level.

Climate Change

43. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
44. The decision is essentially strategic/administrative in nature and does not have any climate change considerations.

Appendix 1 – Recommended HAF Grant Awards

Grant Type A – Places in existing or new clubs/schemes

Basingstoke

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
1. ActiveMe 360	ActiveMe360	5-12 years	£31,000	1000
2. Planet Education	Planet Education – Chalk Ridge	5-12 years	£5,600	200
3. Planet Education	Planet Education – Marnell	5-12 years	£4,200	130
4. Sport Xtra	Sports Xtra Summer Holiday Programme 2021	5-11 years	£22,050	600
5. Magna	Magna Camps HAF Project St Anne's	5-12 years	£13,040	400
6. Magna	Hatch Warren Infant and Junior School	5-11 years	£13,040	400
7. Isis Out of School	Isis Out of School Club	4-14 years	£38,500	1250
8. Get Active Sport	Get Active Sports Summer HAF Camp Winklebury	5-14 years	£18,240	600
9. Get Active Sport	Get Active Sports Summer HAF Camp Aldworth	5-14 years	£18,240	600
10. Active 365/Premier Ed	Premier Education Holiday Camp @ Vyne School, Basingstoke	5-11 years	£28,250	1000
Total			£192,160	6180

East Hants

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
11. Active8 Minds	Active8 Minds	5-12 years	£15,000	600
12. KOOSA	KOOSA	4-13 years	£20,280	600
13. CM Sport	CM Sports HAF partnership	5-11 years	£42,000	1200
Total			£77,280	2400

Eastleigh

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
14. Globe Fit	Globe Fit	5-12 years	£13,400	400
15. Mountbatten School Services Limited	Personal Best	5-12 years	£29,600	800
16. Premier Sports Bournemouth	Premier Sports Bournemouth	5-12 years	£20,625	750
17. ActiveMe360	ActiveMe360	5-16 years	£37,200	1200
18. Creative Kidz	Creative Kidz	4-12 years	£21,471	600
19. JC Sports Development	Multi-Activity fun days (Hedge End)	4-14 years	£4,982.40	180
Total			£127,278.40	3930

Fareham

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
20. Globe Fit	Globe Fit	5-12 years	£10,050	300
21. CM Sport	CM Sports HAF partnership	5-11 years	£21,000	600
22. Active for All	Active for All	5-11 years	£10,000	400
23. Castle Early Birds	Castle Early Birds	5-11 years	£8,910	300
24. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Oakmeadow	4-11 years	£7,000	200
25. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Little Acorns Holiday Club	4-11 years	£7,000	200
26. YMCA Fairthorne Manor	YMCA Fairthorne Manor HAF Summer 2021	5-16 years	£9,538	250
Total			£73,498	2250

Gosport

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
27. Globe Fit	Globe Fit	5-12 years	£13,400	400
28. Mountbatten School Services Limited	Personal Best	5-12 years	£36,900	1000
29. Premier Sports Bournemouth	Premier Sports Bournemouth – Gomer	5-12 years	£13,750	500
30. Premier Sports Bournemouth	Premier Sports Bournemouth – Rowner	5-12 years	£13,750	500
31. CM Sport	CM Sports HAF partnership	5-11 years	£22,750	650
32. Woodpeckers	Woodpeckers at Brune Park Holiday Play Scheme	4-14 years	£19,250	500
Total			£119,800	3550

Hart

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
33. KOOSA	KOOSA Court Moor School, Fleet	4-13 years	£20,280	600
34. KOOSA	KOOSA Hook Infants School	4-13 years	£20,280	600
Total			£40,560	1200

Havant

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
35. Active8 Minds	Active8 Minds Emsworth Primary School	5-12 years	£10,000	400
36. Active8 Minds	Active8 Minds Berewood School, Waterlooville	5-12 years	£10,000	400
37. Freedom School Holidays	Freedom Purbrook School	7-11 years	£35,500	1000

38. Freedom School Holidays	Freedom Sharps Copse School	5-11 years	£22,720	640
39. OSCA	OSCA Childcare Ltd Mengham School	4-11 years	£7,600	200
40. CM Sport	CM Sports HAF partnership	5-11 years	£94,000	2700
41. Denmead Infant Wraparound care* (Havant for population)	Denmead Infant Wraparound care	4-11 years	£19,140	580
42. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Mill Hill Holiday Club	4-11 years	£21,000	600
43. Oaklands	School Holiday Provision	9-16 years	£21,156	600
Total			£241,116	7120

New Forest

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
44. Globe Fit	Globe Fit	5-12 years	£13,400	400
45. Activate	Active Management Noadswood	5-14 years	£22,440	680
46. Activate	Active Management Ringwood	5-14 years	£26,660	800
47. Premier Sports Bournemouth	Premier Sports Bournemouth New Milton	5-12 years	£20,625	750
48. Premier Sports Bournemouth	Premier Sports Bournemouth Ashleigh	5-12 years	£20,625	750
49. Planet Education	Planet Education	5-12 years	£11,620	415
50. New Forest Childcare	NFCC Holiday Club Abbotswood	4-11 years	£9,137.50	250
51. New Forest Childcare	NFCC Holiday Club Oakfield	4-11 years	£9,137.50	250
52. Active for All	Active for All	5-11 years	£15,000	600
53. DJF Multisport	Summer Holidays Sports and Healthy Eating Provision	5-12 years	£12,150	300
54. JC Sports Development	Multi-Activity fun days Highcliffe	4-14 years	£4,982.40	180
55. JC Sports Development	Multi-Activity fun days Testwood	4-14 years	£4,982.40	180
56. JC Sports Development	Multi-Activity fun days Fordingbridge	4-14 years	£4,982.40	180
Total			£175,742.20	5735

Rushmoor

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
57. Casa Club	Casa Club	4-12 years	£10,500	300
58. Magna	Cove School	5-14 years	£32,600	1000
59. KOOSA	KOOSA	4-13 years	£20,280	600
60. CM Sport	CM Sports HAF partnership	5-11 years	£21,000	600
61. Physical Development Ltd/Premier Education	Premier Multi-Activity Camp, Walsh Junior School	5-11 years	£25,875	750
Total			£110,225	3250

Test Valley

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
62. Globe Fit	Globe Fit	5-12 years	£13,400	400
63. Mountbatten School Services Limited	Personal Best	6-12 years	£16,200	500
64. Planet Education	Planet Education Smanell	5-12 years	£11,200	400
65. Planet Education	Planet Education Andover Leisure Centre	5-12 years	£13,800	400
66. Your Sport Education	Your Sports Education Holiday Club	4-12 years	£8,100	300
67. 360 Degrees Sport	360 Holiday and food camps Romsey	5-14 years	£13,650	520
68. 360 Degrees Sport	360 Holiday and food camps Wallop	5-14 years	£7,875	300
Total			£84,225	2820

Winchester

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
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69. ActiveMe360	ActiveMe360	4-16 years	£31,000	1000
70. Integr8 Dance	Integr8 Dance	5-11 years	£19,500	600
71. Integr8 Dance	Integr8 Dance	11-16 years	£13,000	400
72. The Caroll Centre	The Caroll Centre	5-11 years	£14,880	480
73. Alresford Youth Association	Alresford Holiday club	4-11 years	£15,350	400
74. 360 Degrees Sport	360 Holiday and food camps	5-14 years	£12,600	480
Total			£106,330	3360

Grant Type B – Family/Community/Youth Events/Activities

Basingstoke

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
75. Westside Community Centre	Westside Community Centre	5-11 years	£24,960	640
76. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project	11-15 years	£28,160	480
77. Cook Stars	Cook Stars Basingstoke	10-16 years	£7,434	0*
Total			£60,554	1120

*This project will support the HAF nutritional education requirement across a number of schemes.

East Hants

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
78. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project	11-15 years	£28,160	480
79. RCS/PCS	Family Days	All	£46,289.80	210
Total			£74,449.80	690

Eastleigh

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
80. The Point Theatre	The Point Theatre, Summer	11-16 years	£1,687.50	75

81. The Point Theatre	Itchen Valley Country Park, Summer Programme	3-10 years	£6,437.50	350
82. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project Stoneham and Energy Youth Centre	11-15 years	£28,160	480
83. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project Kings Community Church, Hedge End	11-15 years	£28,160	480
Total			£64,445	1385

Fareham

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
84. Y Services	Y4U @ Titchfield	11-16 year olds	£7,904	320
85. RCS/PCS	Family Days	4-16 years	£46,289.80	210
Total			£54,193.80	530

Gosport

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
86. Motiv8 South	Let's Get Connected Summer Activity Programme	7-16 years	£25,600	640
87. Motiv8 South	Let's Get Connected Summer Passport – Community activity provision	11-16 years	£9,120	240
88. Motiv8 South	Let's Get Connected - Family Cook sessions	7-11 years	£1,600	40
89. Motiv8 South	Kings Camp	11-16 years	£11,400	300
90. Motiv8 South	Hampshire Libraries	7-16 years	£3,912	100
91. Y Services	Y4U @ Elson	11-16 year olds	£7,904	320
Total			£59,536	1640

Hart

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
92. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project, Calthorpe School and Crookham Community Centre	11-15 years	£28,160.00	480

Havant

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
93. Hayling Island Community Centre Association	Hayling Island Community Centre Association	0-16 years	£36,480	960
94. Motiv8 Havant	Motivate Summer Activities	11-17 years	£3,840	96
95. RCS/PCS	Family Days	4-16 years	£46,289.80	210
96. RCS/PCS	Teen Days	11-16 years	£29,384	512
Total			£115,993.80	1778

New Forest

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
97. Hampshire Outdoor Centres	Hampshire Outdoors Centres Calshot	7-16 years	£9,448	192
98. Hampshire Outdoor Centres	Hampshire Outdoors Centres Tile Barn	7-16 years	£14,080	320
99. St Barbe Museum	St Barbe	Families	£5,434.00	180
100. St Barbe Museum	St Barbe	11-16 year olds	£5,434.00	80
101. RCS/PCS	Family Days	4-16 years	£46,289.80	210
Total			£80,685.80	982

Rushmoor

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
102. Hampshire Outdoor Centres	Hampshire Outdoors Centres Runways End	7-16 years	£14,080	320
103. Grange Community Junior	Connect4summer	4-16 years	£24,000	480
Total			£38,080	800

Test Valley

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
104. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project	11-15 years	£28,160	480
105. RCS/PCS	Family Days	4-16 years	£46,289.80	210
106. RCS/PCS	Teen Days	11-16 years	£29,384	512
Total			£103,833.80	1202

Winchester

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
107. Integr8 Dance	Integr8 Dance	All ages and families	£4,950.00	150
108. Personal Best	Hampshire Teens Project	11-15 years	£28,160.00	480
Total			£33,110	630

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> COVID Winter Grants COVID Winter Grants – Holiday Activities and Community Grants HAF Grant Recommendations	<u>Date</u> 9 December 2020 2 February 2021 22 February 2021
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> Department for Education: Grants to fund local coordination of free holiday activities and healthy food for disadvantaged children during 2021.	<u>Date</u> February 2021

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equalities Impact Assessment:

Name of project or proposal (required): Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Programme

Is this project a Transformation project? (required): Neither

Name of accountable officer (required): Suzanne Smith

Email (required): suzanne.smith2@hants.gov.uk

Department (required): Children's Services

Date of assessment (required): 18/05/21

Is this a detailed or overview EIA? (required): Overview

Describe the current service or policy. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required):

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided every local authority in England funding to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children eligible for benefits related free school meals. The programme covers the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. Hampshire County Council have been awarded a total of £3,319,940. This EIA covers Summer 2021 provision.

Geographical impact (required): All Hampshire

Describe the proposed change. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required):

Hampshire County Council are distributing their DfE allocation via two grant streams for summer provision;

Grant Type A – For childcare places in existing schemes/clubs or new schemes/clubs being proposed in priority and rural areas;

Grant Type B – For Summer holiday events, short activities, innovative projects and initiatives targeting priority and rural areas, older children & young people (11–16 year olds), and families.

Who does this impact assessment cover? (required): Service users

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? (required): Yes

Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required):

Market engagement was undertaken with a range of providers to ensure that they were aware of the opportunity for funding and could apply for a grant. Particular focus was given to areas with known gaps in provision such as rural areas.

Successful applicants will receive a briefing on the HAF principles and other key topics such as safeguarding.

Age (required): Positive

Impact (required): Children and young people (and their families) will benefit from the HAF grant programme as the funding is directed at school age children and young people.

Disability (required): Positive

Impact (required): Organisations funded by HAF are expected to offer inclusive provision so that children and young people with additional needs can attend.

Sexual orientation (required): Neutral

Race (required): Neutral

Religion or belief (required): Neutral

Gender reassignment (required): Neutral

Gender (required): Neutral

Marriage or civil partnership (required): Neutral

Pregnancy and maternity (required): Neutral

Poverty (required): Positive

Impact (required): The HAF funding is directed at children who are benefits eligible for Free School Meals. The funding will mean that they will be able to access free holiday activities and food during Summer 2021.

Rurality (required): Positive

Impact (required): The HAF funding is to support holiday activities throughout the county. This includes rural areas where activity schemes may not have traditionally operated. Funding will be used to prioritise these areas to encourage organisations to deliver in pockets of the county where there is a lack of existing provision.

Any other brief information which you feel is pertinent to this assessment (optional): N/A

Please confirm that the accountable officer has agreed the contents of this form (required): Yes