

Glasgow's Holiday Programme for Summer and October 2026 and Spring 2027 – Funding awards approved – Declarations of interest.

2 Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding applications for funding from Glasgow's Holiday Programme for Summer and October 2026 and Spring 2027, advising

- (1) that Glasgow's Holiday Programme provided funding to organisations to deliver a programme of engagement, activities and nutritious food to Glasgow's nursery, primary and secondary pupils, aged 0 to 18 years during school holiday periods;
- (2) that the programme would be administered through a new Grants Management System, which would be implemented during 2026 and would bring efficiencies for both the applicant and the Council and allow providers to submit monitoring information as well as applying for funding in future years, and that information sessions on the new system would be delivered to providers later this year;
- (3) of an update on the Scottish Government's Early Adopter School Age Children programme, which had been piloted in 3 early adopter areas which concluded in January 2025, and had subsequently been expanded to support families across most of the 10 Child Poverty Programme booster wards in the city by contributing to childcare costs to enable families to enter/sustain employment, education, training, and respite while providing the child with a high quality childcare experience;
- (4) that applications for the 2026/27 holiday programme had been sought from third sector organisations and 82 applications were received, with 1 application being received from an ineligible organisation and 1 organisation which had went into liquidation, however the remaining 80 applications totalling £2,966,272.71 were assessed, reviewed and scored by officers against a pre-determined criteria, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that in order to achieve the reach across the city within the available budget, it was proposed that 56 applications totalling £2,262,899 be awarded funding, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (6) of the number of projects delivered to service users from each ward and the associated anticipated number of service users, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (7) of the 24 applications which had not been recommended for funding, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; and
- (8) of the monitoring information from the Summer and October 2025 programmes, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the award of funding from Glasgow's Holiday Programme for Summer and October 2026 and Spring 2027, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (b) noted the
 - (i) number of projects delivering to service users from each ward, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
 - (ii) organisations not recommended for funding, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; and
 - (iii) monitoring information from the Summer and October 2025 programmes, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Bailie Wardrop and Councillors Casey, Kelly and Reid-McConnell declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.