



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

Report by Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion

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Item 1

1st June 2023

Glasgow Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme – Summer 2023

Purpose of Report:

To provide recommendations in relation to applications for funding to deliver the Glasgow Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme for Summer 2023.

Recommendations:

Committee is invited to:

- Note the report and approve the recommendations for funding from the Glasgow Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme for Summer 2023; and
- Agree in terms of Standing Order No. 30 (7), that these decisions will not be subject to the call-in process for the reasons set out in paragraph 5.1.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides recommendations in relation to applications for funding from third sector organisations to deliver the Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme for Summer 2023.
- 1.2 In 2022/23 the Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme delivered a programme of provision covering the holiday periods in Summer and October 2022 and Spring 2023.
- 1.3 The Summer 2022 programme approved by [Committee on 9 June 2022](#) was funded by the Scottish Government as part of a national summer holiday programme of funding, to the value of £1,665,024 in Glasgow.
- 1.4 The October 2022 and Spring 2023 programmes approved by [Committee on 29 September 2022](#) totalled £742,524 and were funded by the Council.
- 1.5 The Council is awaiting publication of the Scottish Government's framework for 2023/24 investment in school age childcare and holiday provision. Some headline aims were published by the Government on 3 April around 'expanding school age childcare' which suggest a more targeted approach to national provision, however the detail on the framework has yet to be published.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Children's Holiday Food and Activity Programme provides for a hot meal and snack to be made available to Glasgow's nursery, primary and secondary pupils during school holiday periods. It is intended to complement existing activities by third sector organisations and for the majority of funds to go towards the provision of food.
- 2.2 As reported previously to Committee, it was intended that Glasgow's Holiday Programme for 2023/24 would be reviewed in line with the anticipated guidance from the Scottish Government on the school age childcare investment framework for 2023/24.
- 2.3 The Government's guidance was originally scheduled for publication by the end of December 2022 and then subsequently delayed until 'spring' (as confirmed in February 2023).
- 2.4 A working group comprising officers from the Council's Early Years and Child Poverty teams, Community Empowerment Services (CES) and two 3rd sector representative colleagues from GCVS had been established to lead on the review. By February the working group had acknowledged that, on account of the delayed guidance, a review of the holiday programme would not be possible for effect in Summer 2023 within the timeframe available.
- 2.5 On 23 March all previous applicants to the 2022/23 Holiday programme were informed of the delay in publication of the Government's guidance.

Arrangements to support an application process going live, ideally before the two-week spring break starting 3 April, were made in anticipation of publication of the guidance being “imminent”.

3. Approach to 2023 Summer programme

- 3.1 By mid-April, it was conceded that the continued delay in the guidance and the resulting uncertainty around the provision of financial support from Government meant that the Council was unable to support an open application process, as it had done in 2022/23, within the timeframe available.
- 3.2 On 27 April a communication went to the 2022/23 programme applicants advising that in order to achieve delivery of a Summer programme in 2023, the Council would invite existing holiday food providers (those funded in 2022/23) to apply for support to deliver a Summer programme.
- 3.3 Invitations to the 2022/23 providers were subject to satisfactory monitoring submissions for the summer 2022 programme.
- 3.4 On 28 April, 55 existing providers were invited to apply for funding to deliver a Summer 2023 programme up to the same level of funding awarded in 2022. The 55 included “The Pyramid at Anderston” which had provided holiday programmes during October 2022 and Spring 2023.
- 3.5 In view of the very tight timescales the application process was revised to make it easier for applicants to complete using the established Smart Survey platform. The deadline for applications was Tuesday 9 May. A short extension was given to 2 organisations who couldn’t make the deadline.

4. Applications for Summer 2023

- 4.1 Of the 55 providers invited to apply for funding, 52 applications were received totalling £1,664,226. Three providers declined to submit applications on account of operational/organisational circumstances, they are: Ruchazie Parish Church, Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre and Children 1st.
- 4.2 The 52 applications were assessed by officers within the CES Grants Team against the established pre-determined criteria, being: -
 - Governance of organisation
 - Financial stability of organisation
 - Programme of activity
 - Impact of service
 - Project budget
- 4.3 As part of their application, applicants were required to sign a declaration to indicate that they will meet the relevant policy and practice requirements including safeguarding policies, insurance, PVG checks for staff and volunteers, compliance with Care Inspectorate regulations around day care

of children/young people and compliance with Environmental Health and Food Hygiene legislation.

- 4.4 Applicants were asked to identify which Wards their programmes would cover as well as the anticipated number of beneficiaries in each Ward. Information on actual take-up and profile of beneficiaries will be gathered as part of monitoring.
- 4.5 Applicants were also encouraged to continue to adopt sustainable practices: to use local food suppliers, reduce the use of single plastics and use food surplus organisations.

5. Recommendations for the Summer 2023 Programme

- 5.1 Committee approval is sought to suspend the call-in procedure under council Standing Order 30 (7). Suspension of the call-in procedure will enable organisations to finalise and publicise their summer programmes and also ensure that payments can be made to the organisations before the schools close on 23 June.
- 5.2 Funding recommendations to the 52 applicant organisations for the Summer 2023 programme total £1,664,226. Budgetary provision to support these recommendations has been made from the £500,000 set aside in the Council's budget and £1,164,226 identified from previously approved carry forwards.
- 5.3 Applicants were invited to apply for up to the same level of funding awarded in Summer 2022. A degree of programme adjustments have been made by some providers, mostly around ward coverage, the number of trips being offered and session operating times.
- 5.4 Submissions from the providers project that 23,883 children and young people will benefit from the Summer 2023 programme city-wide. (For comparison, the projected number of beneficiaries in Summer 2022 was 23,224 compared to the actual number of Summer 2022 beneficiaries of 25,837)
- 5.5 Committee is asked to consider and approve the 52 recommended awards totalling £1,664,226 as set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.6 Details of the Summer 2023 programme in terms of projected ward coverage and number of service users from Wards is set out in **Appendix 2**.
- 5.7 An interactive map (illustration provided below) together with details of providers and operating venues for the Summer Holiday Food and Activity programmes across the city will be available (following Committee approval) on the Holiday Programme webpage [here](#)



6. Compliance and Monitoring

- 6.1 All awards for the Summer 2023 programme will be subject to compliance with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding.
- 6.2 Funded organisations will be monitored through the established monitoring arrangements. Organisations will be required to report on the following:
- progress towards achieving the aims and objectives set out in their application
 - match funding received towards overall project costs
 - project spend
 - whether the organisation specifically targets or markets elements of its service towards minority groups in the city
 - number and profile of service users, including from equalities groups
- 6.3 Committee is invited to note the monitoring data submitted by providers for the Summer 2022 programme as set out in **Appendix 3**.

7. Funding for Holiday provision beyond Summer 2023

- 7.1 The Council continues to press the Government for publication of the 2023/24 guidance on investment in school age childcare and holiday provision. Once available, the guidance will be reviewed in conjunction with the established working group and a further report on the position with holiday provision beyond Summer 2023 will be brought to Committee.

8. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Outcomes will be maximised through targeted use of resources and joint working and resourcing with partners

Legal: No new legal issue

<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct personnel issues
<i>Procurement:</i>	No procurement implications

Council Strategic Plan: The proposed Summer programme for 2023 supports the Council's Strategic Plan, specifically:-
Grand Challenge 1 - Mission 1: End child poverty in our city using early intervention to support families; and **Grand Challenge 2 - Mission 3:** Raise attainment amongst Glasgow's Children and Young people

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	Yes, the proposal has the potential to impact on the council Equality Outcomes in relation to the following improvement aims: Improve economic outcomes for people with protected characteristics; and Improve access to Council Family services by people with protected characteristics.
<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	The programme aims to address food poverty.
<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.</i>	It is anticipated that funding recommendations will have a positive impact on third sector jobs, skills, local communities, social and community cohesion. Further, the programme aims to tackle barriers to adequate nutrition intake during school holidays.

Climate Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:</i>	Sustainable delivery has been encouraged
<i>What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?</i>	None

*Will the proposal
contribute to
Glasgow's net zero
carbon target?*

No

**Privacy and Data
Protection Impacts:**

No privacy or data protection impacts
identified

9. Recommendations

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