

REPORT OF THE
**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young
People**
PART II

1. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 1.1. On 16 September 2020 and 11 November 2020, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People approved updates to the Children's Services Capital Programme for 2020/21 and 2021/22 following further announcements on capital grant allocations by the Department for Education (DfE).
- 1.2. The Children's Services Capital Programme is based on government grants, capital receipts, developer contributions and local resources.
- 1.3. The reports detail the specific value and allocation of the resources, including updates to the programme for 2020/21 and 2021/22 which include details of;
- Osborne School satellite provision at Kings' School, Winchester
 - Shepherds Down School, Winchester
 - Winton Community Academy, Andover
 - Access improvements in schools
 - Healthy Pupils Capital Fund
 - Modular classrooms
 - Poulner Infant School, Ringwood
 - Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision

2. SCHOOL MEAL PRICE FROM NOVEMBER 2020

- 2.1 On 16 September 2020 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People approved that the guide price of a primary school meal provided by HC3S be increased to £2.50 from November 2020. The Executive Lead Member also approved that the charge to schools for those meals which are provided by HC3S under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) funding be increased to £2.40 per meal from November 2020.
- 2.2 The County Council continues to provide a good quality and healthy school meals service through its in-house catering service, HC3S. However, with costs continuing to rise in 2020 and the uncertainty about the impact on food costs of the UK leaving the European Union, it is necessary to increase the primary school meal price from £2.40 to £2.50 from November 2020.
- 2.3 The charge to schools for UIFSM will be increased from £2.30 to £2.40 from November 2020. This lower price for UIFSM takes account of the UIFSM funding to schools being £2.34 per meal and the cost of a school meal forecast to be £2.50 in the 2020/21 academic year. The financial impact of

the difference between the level of funding and the meal cost is therefore being shared between schools and HC3S.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SHORT BREAK ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME AND CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

- 3.1 On 11 November 2020 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People approved a number of changes to the Short Break Activities Programme for children and young people with disabilities from April 2021, following unanimous support for the changes from the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- 3.2 The Short Break Activities Programme seeks to offer a range of fun and educational activities for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs so that their parents or carers can have a short break from their caring responsibilities.
- 3.3 From April 2021, the Short Breaks Activities Programme will comprise;
- An overall grant fund of £539,500 to match demand
 - Acceptance of funding applications that meet the core Short Break Activity priorities, but retain an 'exceptions' fund of £20,000 per annum
 - An annual grant of £17,500 for Hampshire Parent Carer Network
 - Redesigning the community buddy scheme
 - Introduction of a two-tier Gateway Card scheme

Further details can be found at the links below:

[Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People Decision Day – 16 September 2020](#)

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