

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	10 November 2021
Title:	Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Recommendations Christmas 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 Christmas 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 approves the award of HAF Christmas grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 to this report up to a total value of £541,860.05.
3. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the reallocation of any HAF remaining or underspent funds, including up to £81,279 additional funds applied for to provide free places for other vulnerable children and young people, 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 Christmas offer where gaps are identified at a local level.
4. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegate approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the allocation of HAF grant funds to partner organisations supporting the signposting HAF aim, up to a maximum of £35,000 to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraphs 19 and 20, 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.

Executive Summary

5. 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 (the Council) was awarded £3,319,940.
6. Between 26 July to 26 September 2021, the Council invited grant applications from organisations able to provide holiday activity and food schemes during the 2021 Christmas holidays 18 December to 3 January. Applications had to deliver to the DfE HAF programme outcomes identified in paragraph 19.
7. Under Type A grants (further described in paragraph 23), applications were received from 32 organisations for 72 projects. Under Type B (described in paragraph 23), applications were received from 17 organisations for 41 projects. These were evaluated by a panel of council officers, resulting in recommendations contained in this report for 113 separate grant awards up to a total value of £541,860.05.
8. 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.
9. Some grant recommendations to projects may decrease following best value discussions with organisations which are currently underway.
10. 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.
11. The future of the HAF programme is currently being discussed by Government, with any future funding being considered as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Contextual information

12. 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.

13. 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.
14. Hampshire County Council has been allocated funding of up to £3,319,940. The Council would like to provide free places for other vulnerable children and young people who do not quite meet the criteria for benefits-eligible free school meals, such as other children with SEND, looked after children and those open to social care, and as such has bid for the additional 15% funding offered by the DfE to supplement the HAF funded places that will be available at Christmas. The outcome of this bid will not be known until late October/early November and therefore delegated authority has been requested to allocate this funding in consultation with the Executive Lead Member.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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 covers 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.
18. Across Hampshire, there are currently 29,208 children who are potentially eligible to access holiday places on the HAF programme based on actual FSM eligibility numbers from school census information.
19. 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 wellbeing 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.
20. 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.
21. 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**
22. The Holiday Activity and Food grant initiative will be delivered under the 'connect4communities' programme of work:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>
23. The funding for the Christmas 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 Christmas holiday events, short activities, innovative projects and initiatives targeting priority and rural areas, older children & young people (11–16 year olds), and families
24. 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

25. 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. The administration costs include associated staff costs, marketing and supporting costs such as the £35,000 allocated for signposting grants, referred to in paragraph 4.
26. Given the total value of the grant, and the number of Hampshire FSM children of 29,208, the DfE HAF programme only provides £113.66 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.
27. The summer HAF programme saw between 31-36% of Hampshire FSM children attending HAF provision. Assuming similar levels of uptake over the Christmas holidays, the programme needs to provide for 9,054-10,515 FSM children.
28. The HAF Christmas programme is based on one week of delivery across four days and the minimum session each day is four hours (as per DfE requirements). The DfE has amended this requirement for Christmas to allow for some remote delivery for two of the four sessions. We have used one place at a session as the unit of calculation to indicate the number of children who can attend in any one day. This figure is then multiplied by the number of days (4). So, a target to reach 10 children would be $10 \times 4 \text{ days} = 40 \text{ places}$.
29. Through the grant awards recommended in this report, the Christmas Hampshire HAF Programme aims to secure 14,024 places which will provide in the order of 3,485– 6,962 (or 12- 33%) FSM children access to the scheme. DfE also allows councils to bid for an additional 15% if they can meet demand from FSM children. The Council has bid for this funding for the Christmas period, which equates to a potential extra £81,279, if awarded.
30. **Table 1: Actual and recommended spend to date, administration costs of, and balance remaining for Christmas:**

A Easter Grants Paid	B Summer Grants Awarded	C Christmas Grants Recommended	D Admin Forecast	E Total
£346,093	£2,135,747*	£541,860	£296,240	£3,319,940

*Please note that this figure differs from the summer Decision Report amount due to additional places being awarded by officer decisions made in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, as allowed for under the previous Decision Day report. The funding for the additional places came from the Easter and summer underspends held within the programme. A full list of all grants awarded is available on the connect4communities website at: [HAF grant recipients | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/children-and-families/hampshire-county-council)

Performance

31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. The final phase will pull together qualitative data in which Council officers will seek the views of children and participating families. In this phase Council officers 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.
36. 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

37. 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.

38. 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

39. 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

40. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member approves the award of HAF Christmas grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 to this report up to a total value of £541,860.05.
41. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member 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 Christmas offer at schemes where gaps are identified at a local level.
42. It is recommended that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services delegate approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve the allocation of HAF grant funds to partner organisations supporting the signposting HAF aim, up to a maximum of £35,000 to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant set out in paragraphs 19 and 20, 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.

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. Sports Xtra Basingstoke	Everest Community Academy	4-12	£5,150.00	140
2. Globe Fit	Westside Community Centre Paddock Road Basingstoke, Hants	5-12	£3,400.00	100
3. Active Me 360 CIC	Manor Field Junior School	5-12	£8,928.00	240
4. Magna Groups Enterprises Limited	Hatch Warren Infant School, Basingstoke	5-12	£6,520.00	200
5. Get Active Sports	Winklebury Infants and Junior School	5-16	£6,720.00	240
6. Isis Out of School Club	The Vyne Community School	5-12	£6,277.50	155
7. SCL Education Group	Old Basing Infant School	5-12	£1,440.00	48
Total			£38,435.50	1123

East Hants

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
8. Active8 Minds	The Petersfield School	5-12	£3,000.00	80
9. KOOSA Kids Ltd	Liphook Junior School	5-13	£4,056.00	60
10. CM Sports UK Ltd	Liss Junior	5-12	£2,100.00	60

11. CM Sports UK Ltd	Wootey Junior	5-12	£4,200.00	120
12. CM Sports UK Ltd	Bordon Junior	5-12	£4,200.00	120
13. CM Sports UK Ltd	Horndean Technology College	5-12	£4,200.00	120
14. Sport4Kids Hampshire	Bordon & Whitehill - The Holme Primary School	5-13	£2,880.00	80
Total			£24,636	640

Eastleigh

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
15. Personal Best Education	Barton Peveril College	5-12	£6,490.00	160
16. Globe Fit	Bursledon Village Hall, Long Ln, Bursledon, Southampton	5-12	£3,400.00	100
17. 4wards	St James' Primary School, West End	4-14	£2,100.00	75
18. Active Me 360 CIC	Nightingale Primary School	5-16	£8,928.00	240
19. JC Sports Development	Wellstead Primary School	4-14	£2,131.50	70
20. Premier Sports Bournemouth LLP	Shamblehurst Primary School	5-11	£7,080.00	240
Total			£30,129.50	885

Fareham

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
21. YMCA Fairthorne Manor	YMCA Fairthorne Manor	5-16	£1,540.00	40
22. Globe Fit	Crofton Hammond Infant School, Mancroft Ave, Fareham	5-12	£2,550.00	75
23. Castle Early Birds	Castle Primary School	4-11	£2,800.00	80
24. CM Sports UK Ltd	Fareham College	5-12	£4,200.00	120
25. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Little Acorns	5-11	£763.75	25

26. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Oakmeadow	5-11	£763.75	25
Total			£12,617.50	365

Gosport

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
27. Personal Best Education	Bridgemary School	5-12	£6,050.00	120
28. Globe Fit	Newtown Primary School, Queens Road, Gosport HAMPSHIRE	5-12	£4,250.00	125
29. CM Sports UK Ltd	St Vincent's College	5-12	£4,200.00	120
30. Premier Sports Bournemouth LLP	Gomer Junior School	5-11	£7,080.00	240
31. Premier Sports Bournemouth LLP	Rowner Junior School	5-11	£7,080.00	240
Total			£28,660.00	845

Hart

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
32. KOOSA Kids Ltd	Court Moor School	5-13	£5,408.00	80
33. KOOSA Kids Ltd	Hook Infant School	5-13	£4,056.00	60
34. SCL Education Group	Mayhill Junior School	5-12	£1,440.00	48
35. SCL Education Group	Westfields Infant School	5-12	£1,440.00	48
Total			£12,344.00	236

Havant

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
36. Active8 Minds	Havant Academy	5-12	£4,300.00	120
37. Oaklands catholic School	Oaklands Catholic School	8-11	£4,560.00	120
38. Freedom School Holidays	Purbrook Junior School	5-12	£21,400.00	575
39. CM Sports UK Ltd	Riders Junior	5-12	£4,200.00	120
40. CM Sports UK Ltd	Bidbury Infant	5-12	£4,200.00	120
41. OSCA Childcare Limited	Mengham Infant School	4-11	£1,080.00	24
42. Growing Places	Growing Places @ Mill Hill	5-11	£2,291.25	75
43. Globe Fit	Bedhampton Community Centre	5 - 12	£3,400.00	20
Total			£45,431.25	1174

New Forest

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
44. Globe Fit	Calmore Community Centre, Calmore Drive, Calmore	5-12	£3,400.00	100
45. JC Sports Development	Highcliffe School	4-14	£2,131.50	70
46. JC Sports Development	Testwood School	4-14	£2,131.50	70
47. JC Sports Development	Breamore Primary School	4-14	£2,131.50	70
48. New Forest Child Care CIC	NFCC Abbotswood Junior School	5-11	£3,845.00	100
49. Premier Sports Bournemouth LLP	Ashley Infants	5-11	£7,080.00	240
50. Premier Sports	Milford On Sea Primary School	5-11	£5,900.00	200

Bournemouth LLP				
51. Planet Education	Wildground School	5-11	£2,900.00	100
51. DFJ Multisports	New Milton Scout HQ	5-12	£4,620.00	120
52. Milford Pre-School Plus Ltd	Milford On Sea, Lymington	5-11	£1,260.00	40
Total			£35,399.50	1110

Rushmoor

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
53. Casa Clubs Limited	The Cambridge School, Aldershot	5-12	£8,750.00	250
54. KOOSA Kids Ltd	Alderwood Infant School	5-13	£4,732.00	70
55. CM Sports UK Ltd	Wavell School	5-12	£4,200.00	120
56. CM Sports UK Ltd	Guillemont Junior School (tbc)	5-12	£4,200.00	120
57. Premier Education	Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	5-11	£8,832.00	256
58. SCL Education Group	Parsonage Farm Nursery & Infant School	4-12	£1,440.00	48
Total			£32,154.00	864

Test Valley

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
59. Personal Best Education	The Mountbatten School	5-12	£5,720.00	160
60. Globe Fit	Augusta Park Community Centre, East Anton Farm Rd, Andover	5-12	£3,400.00	100
61. 360 Degree Sports Coaching	The Romsey School	5-14	£3,250.00	120
62. Planet Education	Andover Leisure Centre	5-14	£4,140.00	120
63. Your Sports Education	Romsey Primary School	5-12	£1,740.00	60
Total			£18,250.00	560

Winchester

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
64. Denmead Holiday Club	Denmead Infant School	4-11	£1,980.00	60
65. SportSkool Ltd	John Keble School	5-13	£3,160.00	80
66. Active Me 360 CIC	Swanmore College	4-16	£8,928.00	240
67. Integr8 Dance	Unit 12 Primary	5-11	£6,500.00	200
68. Alresford Youth Association	Sun Hill Junior School	5-11	£2,600.00	80
69. 360 Degree Sports Coaching	Weeke Primary School	5-14	£3,250.00	120
Total			£26,418.00	780

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

Basingstoke

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
70. Personal Best Education	Basingstoke College of Technology, Basingstoke	11-15	£6,600.00	120
71. Cook Stars* Thatcham to Hook	Diamond scout centre, Southdown road, Tadley	5-10	£400.00	10
72. Cook Stars* Thatcham to Hook	Diamond scout centre, Southdown road, Tadley	11-16	£450.00	10
73. Whitchurch Conservation Group	Gill Nethercott Centre	5-11	£4,608.00	48
Total			£12,058.00	188

*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
74. Personal Best Education	Alton Football Club, Alton	11-15	£6,600.00	120

75. CM Sports	Bordon	11-16	£6,326.00	120
Total			£12,926.00	240

Eastleigh

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
76. Personal Best Education	2000 Centre, Hedge End	11-15	£6,600.00	120
77. Personal Best Education	Energy Youth Centre, Eastleigh	11-15	£6,600.00	120
78. Provider to be confirmed*	tbc	5-11	Up to £22,739.40	560
Total			£35,939.40	800

*Subject to discussion with the provider – scale may be altered

Fareham

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
79. Y Services for Young People	Titchfield	10-16	£2,061.50	80
Total			£2,061.50	80

Gosport

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
80. Planet Education	Gosport Leisure Centre	5-14	£4,140.00	120
81. Y Services for Young People	Elson	10-16	£2,061.50	80
82. Motiv8 South Ltd - Gosport and Fareham Team	Bay House School and Rowner Junior School	7-16	£9,600.00	240
83. Motiv8 South Ltd - Gosport and Fareham Team	Fort Brockhurst, Gosport	5-16	£8,000.00	200
84. Motiv8 South Ltd - Gosport and Fareham Team	Rowner Community Trust	5-16	£800.00	20
85. Motiv8 South Ltd - Gosport	Discovery Centre and Bridgemary Library	5-11	£800.00	20

and Fareham Team				
Total		£25,401.50	680	

Hart

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
86. Personal Best Education	Fleet	11-15	£6,600.00	120
87. Cook Stars Thatcham to Hook	Elizabeth Hall, Raven road	5-10	£400.00	10
88. Cook Stars Thatcham to Hook	Elizabeth Hall, Raven road, Hook	11-16	£450.00	10
Total			£7,450.00	140

Havant

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
89. Hayling Island Community Centre Association CIO	Hayling Island Community Centre	5-18	£11,400.00	300
90. Park & Romsey Community School*	Family Day	5-11	Up to £22,739.40	560
91. Park & Romsey Community School*	Teen	11-16	£7,980.00	128
92. Motiv8 Havant	Motiv8, The Hub Leigh Park	10-16	£1,108.80	28
Total			£43,228.20	1016

*Subject to discussion with the provider – scale may be altered

New Forest

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
93. St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery	Lymington Community Association	5-16	£3,762.00	90
94. Provider to be confirmed*	tbc	5-11	Up to £22,739.40	560
Total			£26,501.40	650

*Subject to discussion with the provider – scale may be altered

Test Valley

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
95. Personal Best Education	The Mountbatten School, Romsey	11-15	£6,600.00	120
96. Park & Romsey Community School*	Family Days at Romsey	5-11	Up to £22,739.40	560
97. Provider to be confirmed*	tbc	5-11	Up to £22,739.40	560
98. Park & Romsey Community School*	Teen scheme	11-16	£7,980.00	128
Total			£60,058.80	1368

*Subject to discussion with the provider – scale may be altered

Winchester

Organisation	Project Title	Age Range	Grant Recommendation	Number of places
99. Personal Best Education	King's School, Winchester	11-15	£6,600.00	120
100. The Carroll Centre	The Carroll Centre, Stanmore	5-11	£2,560.00	80
101. Integr8 Dance	Unit 12 Teen	11-16	£2,600.00	80
Total			£11,760.00	280

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>	<u>Date</u>
COVID Winter Grants	9 December 2020
COVID Winter Grants – Holiday Activities and Community Grants	2 February 2021
HAF Grant Recommendations	22 February 2021
HAF Grant Recommendations	8 June 2021
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Department for Education: Grants to fund local coordination of free holiday activities and healthy food for disadvantaged children during 2021.	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.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

0. 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.

1. 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): 05/10/2021

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 Christmas 2021 provision.

Geographical impact (required): All Hampshire

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

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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 and with schools to ensure that they were aware of the opportunity for funding, HAF in general and could apply for a grant, if interested. 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 Christmas 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