

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	23 March 2022
Title:	Approval to Spend for 2022 - 2025 – Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend up to £10.3m for a Holiday Activities and Food Programme contract for a total period of three years from 2022 and 2025. Payments under the contract will be made as and when individual school holiday provision is commissioned.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. To meet the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food grant programme objectives in Hampshire the Council intends to enter into timely and cost-effective arrangements with providers, by procuring an open framework for the HAF Programme. Childcare places and schemes will then be called off through specific lots, contracted and funded.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Hampshire County Council could choose to continue to ask providers to submit funding applications and award grants on a termly basis. However, this is resource-intensive and provides relatively short notice to providers to initiate their holiday schemes. Providers support arrangements that are more stable and longer term.

3.2. Hampshire County Council could choose not to provide holiday activity and food schemes via the Department for Education's HAF grant programme. However, it was agreed that such services would be beneficial to vulnerable children across Hampshire.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** N/A

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** N/A

7. **Statement from the decision maker:** N/A

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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