



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: SUMMER ACTIVITIES FUNDING
(TARGETED PROVISION)**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The report provides an update to Committee on the Summer of Activities for Children and Young People (Targeted Provision) delivered during the summer holidays.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Council in terms of Section III (D) (1) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to all the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At a special meeting of Council on 16 June 2021 (para 6 of the minute refers) Members approved a report outlining plans for the targeted provision of summer holiday activities utilising £256,000 of funding from the Scottish Government.
- 2.2 The priority across the investment was to improve the wellbeing of children and young people, providing opportunities for them to socialise and reconnect with peers and their local communities during the summer through the delivery of a range of activities, with food and family support integrated where needed within local communities.
- 2.3 Members agreed a programme of activities delivered in partnership with a number of local providers and partners, with a particular focus on supporting children and young people most likely to be experiencing continued disadvantage and who would therefore have been particularly adversely affected by the pandemic.
- 2.4 The programme was successfully delivered across Moray. All partners have completed their evaluations of the programme and an evaluation summary has been returned to the Scottish Government and is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2.5 The evaluation report highlights a number of successes of the programme including:

- The development and strengthening of new and existing partnerships
- The benefits of meaningful engagement with children and young people to develop programmes and supports that they said would benefit them.
- The depth and range of the offer, despite the short lead in time, ensuring we could meet a variety of different needs across our different localities.
- The funding allocated to overcome barriers to accessing universal provision, giving children, young people and families from the target groups the same opportunities as others.
- Direct funding to families so that they felt valued and trusted.

2.6 The enhanced summer programme was developed through the revised locality planning model, with locality networks engaging with children and young people, and local practitioners and partners working together to develop and deliver offers to meet identified needs. The process was overseen by the Wellbeing Partnership Group. The Wellbeing Partnership Group will take the learning from the summer programme and consider how partners can continue to work together to meet needs during future holiday periods.

3. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

This report supports the LOIP outcomes:

Building a better future for children and young people in Moray

- A place where children and young people thrive;
- A place where they have a voice, have opportunities to learn and can get around;
- A place where they are able to reach their full potential.

And the Aims of the Corporate Plan to:

- Provide opportunities where young people can achieve the potential to be the best they can be.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy or legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The targeted summer provision was fully funded by the Scottish Government.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no specific risk implications arising from this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

There no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

The activities and direct payments on offer through this targeted provision were designed to be accessible to target families. When developing the programme consideration was given to how to meet wider needs, including through the integration of food, transport, family support and referral on to wider services where needed. Principles of dignity and human rights were promoted by all involved through the promotion of non-stigmatising provision of services and supports.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to consider and note the information contained in this report, and the Summer of Activities evaluation report attached as Appendix 1.

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Background Papers:

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