



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: SUMMER HOLIDAY 2023 FUNDING

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND
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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the distribution of funding received from the Scottish Government to support Summer Holiday 2023 provision.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (1) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercise all the functions of the Council as Education Authority within the terms of relevant legislation with regard to nursery, primary, secondary, and further education; community learning and development; and to determine the Council's policies in regard thereto.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 14 June 2023 the Council received an email from COSLA stating that the Scottish Government (SG) had identified £4million for Local Government for summer activities.
- 2.2 A further email received on 16 June 2023 from SG stated their intentions to support local authorities with some of the costs relating to delivery of summer programmes for children from low income families during the 2023 school summer holidays. However the funding required formal approval at the Settlement Distribution Group on the 21 June 2023 and then at COSLA Leaders meeting on 30 June 2023.
- 2.3 On 23 June 2023 the Council received a letter from SG advising that Moray would be receiving indicative funding of £67,937 dependant on decision on 30 June 2023. The funding was to provide targeted access to activities, childcare and food during the summer holiday period for primary school age children from low-income families.
- 2.4 Formal confirmation of this funding was received on 3 July 2023. In the interim period, organisations who had already planned delivery of activities and childcare provision in Moray were contacted via the Locality Networks to

enquire whether through some additional funding they could enhance or expand their offering.

- 2.5 Due to the timescales, a swift turnaround of funding allocation was required with the funding being ratified by the GIRFEC Leadership Group. The following 21 organisations/departments were awarded the following funding;

Organisation	Funding Allocation	Participants Involved	Activities delivered	Area of Moray
The Lossie 2-3 group	£7,500	Over 100 children	Summer Playscheme inc food provision and trips	Lossie
Fika Child and Family Centre	£1,000	40 children	Summer Camp for 3wks	Elgin
Children 1 st	£1,000	70 children and 48 adults (118 in total)	7 trips and activities, food, transport and entry fees	Moray/East of Moray
Speyside Children's Arts Festival	£500	93 (49 of which from low income families)	Food provision as part of Arts Festival	Speyside
Moray Sports Centre	£2,250	14 children across multiple weeks	Funded places on Summer Holiday Sports Camp inc. food	Elgin
Arrows	£2,520	44 children attended the activity days and 23 families attended the trips	Activity days, equipment, trips, food provision	Moray
Outfit Moray	£8,080	114 participants	18 activity days inc. food and transport	Moray
Elgin Youth Development Group	£4,649	59 children (47 of these at least from low income)	Additional spaces on 29 activities inc. transport, food and trips	Elgin
Fochabers Petanque and Fochabers Bowling Clubs	£750	19 children and 13 adults (32 in total)	Two sessions delivered with new equipment – more being planned	Fochabers
Buckie High (Raising Attainment)	£664	15 children (10 of which from low income families)	Parkour workshops, venue hire and snacks	Buckie

Moray School Bank	£7,700	109 children and 76 adults (185 in total)	7 trips – travel, entry fees and lunch for 112 participants	Moray
Street Football	£500	71 participants	Transport provision	Elgin
Libraries and Learning Centre Team	£6,725	494 children, 258 adults (752 in total) – unknown how many from low income	Equipment, training and staffing to deliver digital sessions and food	Across 9 libraries in Moray
Moray Women's Aid	£2,084	18 families which included 27 children (45 in total)	Trip to Landmark, childcare provision and food	Families from Elgin, Buckie, Forres and Lossiemouth.
Forres Osprey Bus Summer Holiday Club	£3,000	96 participants	10 day trips as part of holiday club	Forres
Wild Things	£3,850	No evaluation submitted as yet	7 days of activity in outdoor adventure and learning, inc transport & food	West of Moray
The Loft Youth Project	£3,000	76 participants	Upscale activity programme and food provision	Keith
Army Welfare Community Services	£7,465	190 participants	Upscale activity programme and spaces, food, additional residential places	Kinloss
Moray Flying Circus	£950	38 children	Free places on taster sessions and circus camps, food and transport	West of Moray
New Elgin East Community Planning Group	£750	49 families	Contribute to summer programme – food, equipment and activities	New Elgin
Autism and Neurodiversity North Scotland	£3,000	19 participants (15 from low income families)	Trips, transport and food	Moray
TOTAL	£67,937	Minimum of		

		2,173 participants		
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2.6 Due to the very late timing of this Scottish Government funding there was no expectation to collate qualitative or quantitative feedback on the utilisation of these funds and instead informal meetings after the Summer will be held with Local Authorities to provide verbal and informal feedback gathered.

Appendix I provides some additional information on what was delivered by the 21 Moray projects.

2.7 89% of the above Scottish Government Summer funding was distributed to external organisations. The 11% funding distributed internally went to Buckie High, Street Football and Libraries, Learning Centre activities. The Communities Service and Sport and Culture Service also provided activities for young people through their youth work, family and adult learning, sport and leisure, active schools and libraries and learning centre teams which were all open to all. The Council do not operate holiday childcare nor holiday camps as it does not have staffing/resource to provide such an offering nor is it a statutory requirement.

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.

This report also supports 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 is fully funded by the Scottish Government.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no specific risk implications arising from this report, however it should be noted that this programme of support has been developed within a very short timescale and has been limited by the childcare and activities provision available within Moray at short notice.

(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, childcare and food provided were targeted to low income families. Principles of dignity and human rights were promoted by all involved through the promotion of non-stigmatising provision of services and supports.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No climate change or biodiversity implications have been determined for the Summer Holiday 2023 funding.

(i) Consultations

The GIRFEC Leadership Group, Chief Financial Officer and Tracey Sutherland (Committee Services Officer) have been consulted in regards to this report.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 To note the utilisation of the Scottish Government Summer Holiday 2023 funding which targeted access to activities, childcare and food for primary school age children from low income families.

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Background Papers:

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