

Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member of Housing
Date of meeting:	13 March 2018
Subject:	'Summer Food & Fun' Project - Holiday Hunger Brief report 2017
Report by:	Director of Property & Housing
Wards affected:	Paulsgrove, Nelson, Charles Dickens, and St. Thomas
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

To note previous success of the project and seek approval to continue addressing the holiday hunger agenda through the Summer Food & Fun Project.

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Housing is asked

- i. To note previous project success and recognise holiday hunger as a priority agenda in addressing health inequalities in areas of deprivation.**
- ii. To agree an allocation of £4000 from the youth & play service budget to allow continuation and longevity of the project (volunteers, donations, and other funding will still be sourced where possible).**
- iii. For approval to execute the future plans as set out in the Holiday Hunger brief report 2017 (see appendix A - section 6)**

3. Background

The Property & Housing Health Development Team scoped the youth and play services to identify health & wellbeing needs and found that the issue around holiday hunger was prevalent; some staff reported children coming to the settings hungry, and with some not having eaten enough, or being given money to buy dinner from the local corner shop or fast food venue. Behavioural issues were also identified as a result of poor diets, consisting of high sugar content foods as well as irregular eating habits.

The project was designed and implemented to build on the current provision within the youth and play services in Portsmouth. This was through the delivery

of breakfast and lunch sessions that provided healthier and varied options in a happy and welcoming environment where all children are valued, in order to;

- reduce social isolation and raise aspiration
- improve family nutrition and wellbeing
- reduce financial and emotional strain

4. Reasons for recommendations

- i. To contribute towards understanding the health & wellbeing needs for young people and families, whilst meeting the corporate priority of empowering residents to be health & independent.
- ii. To meet the Housing service business plan priorities around delivering a high quality, sustainable and enriching programme of opportunities over the school holiday periods; and our corporate priority of providing excellent customer service.
- iii. To improve development of the Youth and Play service to sustain quality provision for the future by being entrepreneurial and efficient (see appendix A - section 5).

5. Equality impact assessment

An EIA has not been completed; however the ethos of the youth and play service is that opportunities are free, open access and available to all. We therefore did not deem it necessary to complete an assessment because; the sites are compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act; the service complies with Portsmouth City Council's Equal Opportunities policies; and the role of the Play Worker is to ensure different groups or individuals can take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

6. Legal implications

Such legal comments as are relevant have been highlighted above with respect to issues of Equality. The remaining key issue would be to ensure that the delivering service adequately risk assesses food provision and has in place appropriate insurances and policies to mitigate risk to the consumer/service user.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- i. This report seeks approval to continue activities aimed at tackling the issue of Holiday Hunger that has been identified by the Youth and Play service during holiday clubs.
- ii. Food Portsmouth and a number of other retailers have donated food to feed the children and young people of Portsmouth, however, a further £4,000 has been requested to improve the provision and longevity of the Summer Food & Fun Project.
- iii. This additional £4,000 will be funded out of the current approved budget for Youth and Play services, which is subsidised by Public Health grant.

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Signed by:

James Hill
Director of Property & Housing

Appendices:

A - Summer Food & Fun Project - Holiday Hunger report 2017 (sections 5 & 6)

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by:
Councillor Jennie Brent
Cabinet member for Property & Housing