
To: Communities and Housing Policy Board

On: 25 October 2022

Report by: Director of Communities and Housing Services

Heading: Summer of Fun 2022

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 25 March 2022, COSLA leaders approved the allocation of £10 million to local authorities in line with the Scottish Government's commitment for targeted provision of accessible activities, childcare and food for 5–14-year-old children from low-income families during the 2022 school summer holidays. The Scottish Government wanted a particular focus to be on 6 main targeted groups who are especially vulnerable to falling into poverty: lone parent families; ethnic minority families; those with a disability; mothers under 25; those with a child under 1; those with more than 3 children.
 - 1.2 Renfrewshire Council was allocated £292,415 of the funding, which was used to deliver a highly successful programme of activities for children, families and young people, encouraging them to access a wide range of activities and healthy food. Almost 1,000 individual children benefitted from activities over the summer period
 - 1.3 This report notes the multi-agency, universal and targeted work developed and delivered across Renfrewshire throughout the summer holidays as part of the 2022 Summer Holiday Provision initiative. A summary of the final detailed evaluation report submitted to Scottish Government on 15 September 2022 is also attached as an appendix for the information of Members.
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2. Recommendations

2.1 Members of the Communities and Housing Policy Board are requested to:

- (i) note the ambitious and successful Summer of Fun programme developed and delivered during the summer of 2022 in Renfrewshire as set out in section 3 of this report; and
 - (ii) note the summarised version of the comprehensive evaluation report submitted to Scottish Government in line with the required submission date of 15 September 2022 and attached as Appendix 1.
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3. Renfrewshire Summer of Fun Programme 2022

- 3.1 Following on from last year's successful programme and even before the announcement of funding for the 2022 Holiday Food and Childcare Provision, a multi-agency working group was established in Renfrewshire to develop a programme that would meet the needs of all children and young people in Renfrewshire. The group was led by officers from the Developing Communities service.
- 3.2 The approach taken was to develop a programme that would offer several core activities targeted to 5-14 years from low-income families throughout the summer, along with some youth work provision, a new project for Ukrainian refugees and family learning groups. The approach built on tried and tested programmes and interventions and the feedback on learning and engagement previously undertaken with young people from the Get Into Summer initiative of 2021.
- 3.3 Care was taken to work closely with services such as Children's Social work and other partners to identify groups of young people that were particularly impacted or vulnerable and to signpost them towards and sign them up for universal activities. The aim was to develop a programme of integrated provision to address the barriers and isolation faced by people in the most deprived areas, concentrating on the 6 main targeted groups who are especially vulnerable to falling into poverty: lone parent families; ethnic minority families; those with a disability; mothers under 25; those with a child under 1; those with more than 3 children.
- 3.4 Activities were delivered outdoors wherever possible and included the provision of healthy meals and snacks. Breakfasts and water were also available. Provision was targeted to ensure ease of access for communities that were known to have vulnerabilities or numbers of low-income households including:

Daytime Activities Summer of Fun

Renfrew – St James' Primary School,
Gallowhill – Gallowhill Primary School
Ferguslie – Glencoats Primary School
Linwood – Woodlands Primary School
Foxbar – St Paul's Primary
Johnstone – West Johnstone Shared Campus

Family Learning Activities took place in: Southend Action Centre, West Johnstone Campus, Glenburn Learning Centre and Moorpark Learning Centre.

Youthwork activities took place in: West Primary School, Foxbar Youth Drop In, GoZone in Glenburn Community Centre, Bargarran Youth and Community Space, Tannahill Centre, Lapwing Lodge, and in outdoor spaces including Muirshiel Country park and Glennifer Braes.

The Ukrainian Refugee Youth Club took place in the Airport hotel car park using the facilities on the Street Stuff youth bus.

3.5 Over the summer holiday period almost 600 individual children benefitted from the daytime camp provision. A wide range of activities included:

- Summer camp sessions for 5-14 years old including: Multi-sports and Dance activities, STEM activities; Drama and performance; Samba Drumming; Outdoor play and games; Sports activities; Laser quest session; Den Building; Chalk art; Dance, den-building.
- Trips for 8-14s to Castle Semple and Lapwing Lodge to include activities such as orienteering, kayaking, canoeing, laser-tag, high ropes, scavenger hunts, team games and cycling.
- Targeted provision to support care experienced and young carers, Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme including Expedition Skills training programme, and an ASN Youth Club.
- The Team Up 2 Clean Up Team visited all day camps to interact with the children about protecting the environment and children took part in litter picks around their camps
- KGV climbing wall provided some climbing activities and swim passes to all families and children taking part.

3.6 58 children joined the programme of 4-week family fun sessions. Families were identified through their participation in family learning, ESOL and Personal and Social Development classes and groups, and through referrals from schools and family support agencies. Programmed activities included:

- Outdoor Learning, Digital and creative media, Cooking and life skills, Personal and Social Development sessions, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme, and day trips.
 - Story Telling, Bug Hunting and making insect hotels, bird spotting and making bird feeders, local nature walks, planting seeds, making gardens and terrariums, arts and crafts, constructing play doh volcano, scavenger hunts, traditional games and sports.
- 3.7 £60,000 was allocated to Riverbrae ASN playscheme 182 families took up the offer of support for families, and fun engaging activities and free play time over 4/5 days a week which ran for 5 weeks and provided:
- Free transport for parents within Renfrewshire
 - A nutritious meal and healthy snacks throughout the day
 - Indoor and outdoor activities – including sports and creative arts
 - Much needed social interaction with other young people
 - Staff who could respond to each individual child's needs
 - Support for families adjusting to restrictions being lifted
- 3.8 A key focus of the programme delivered was to develop a legacy of changing behaviours – encouraging young people and families to continue to engage with social activities and their communities beyond the programmed sessions held over the summer.
- 3.9 Vouchers and rewards for participants were developed and issued over the 7 weeks which included rewards from:
- St Mirren – family passes to a football match
 - Swim passes from Renfrewshire Leisure to be used by end December 2022 that will allow all participants to access a swim – either as individuals or families of up to 2 adults and 2 children.
- 3.10 Children and young people were also offered the opportunity to achieve or work towards nationally recognised awards through Hi5, Dynamic Youth Award, Arts Award and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme.
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4. Background

- 4.1 On 25 March 2022, a £10 million commitment was announced by the Scottish Government for the provision of activities to improve the wellbeing of children and young people during the 2022 summer holidays. The programme was to be a targeted summer offer to local authorities to deliver enhanced holiday activities and experiences, integrating food and wider family support where needed, and targeted at low-income families, children and young people, particularly those especially vulnerable to falling into poverty: lone parent families; ethnic minority families; those with a disability; mothers under 25 those with a child under 1; those with more than 3 children.

- 4.2 The priority across this investment was to improve the wellbeing of children and young people, providing opportunities for them to socialise and reconnect with peers during the summer through delivery of a range of activities, with food and family support integrated where needed within local communities. Local authorities were encouraged to work with local and national partners to coordinate and deliver holiday activities and experiences, integrating food and wider family support where needed, and targeted at low-income families, children and young people particularly: lone parent families, ethnic minority families, those with a disability, mothers under 25, those with a child under 1, those with more than 3 children. Renfrewshire Council was allocated £292,415 of the funding
- 4.3 The investment was part of the Scottish Government's social renewal agenda focused on getting it right for every child by promoting the wellbeing of children and young people. It also complemented wider investment in holiday support through free school meal replacement for those eligible for free school meals on the basis of low income, and wider investment in education recovery.
- 4.4 While Community Learning and Development and Street stuff services led on the development and delivery of the summer programme the success of the initiative would not have been possible without the support and great partnership working within the Council and from other organisations including:
- Renfrewshire Council Children's Services, Environment & Infrastructure, Finance & Resources
 - Renfrewshire Youth Voice
 - Erskine Youth Council
 - Lapwing Lodge Activity Centre (West Region Scout Council)
 - Muirshiel
 - Moxie Creative Kids Events
 - Oliver Cox Music
 - Team Up 2 Clean Up
 - One Ren
 - Renfrewshire Youth Voice
 - St Mirren FC
 - Right2Dance
 - Young Scot
 - DofE Scotland
- 4.5 The post programme evaluation undertaken shows that the Summer of Fun Initiative brought communities together with positive economic benefits including
- Employment opportunities
 - Work for local businesses
 - Respite/Support for parents/carers
 - Free activities for families in SIMD areas
 - Sharing of resources across partners

- Volunteering
- 4.6 The legacy of the Summer of Fun programme will be based on the lessons learned and self-evaluation process and capitalise on the positive strong partnership working across council services and 3rd Sector youth agencies. Efforts will continue to build on achievements, and to re-connect children, young people and families to community spaces. Targeted work will continue through the Community Learning and Development partnership to recover education and promote learning opportunities in the autumn and winter community-based programmes and will include the expansion of the partnership with StreetStuff.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial –**
The full costs for delivering the Summer of Fun programme were funded by Scottish Government as outlined in the Appendix attached.
2. **HR & Organisational Development – none.**
3. **Community/Council Planning –**
The multi-agency, universal and targeted work developed and delivered across Renfrewshire throughout the summer holidays as part of the National Get into Summer initiative contributed to key areas of activity relevant to Community Planning priorities and Renfrewshire's Council Plan strategic outcomes; outlined below.
 - Our Renfrewshire is well - Supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities.
 - Our Renfrewshire is fair - addressing the inequalities that limit life chances.
 - Reshaping our place, our economy, and our future - Promoting learning and skills for life.
 - Building strong, safe, and resilient communities - Empowering communities and Delivering community-based services.
 - Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all – Promoting skills and learning for life, Celebrating youth! Improving mental health and wellbeing; Addressing health inequalities; and promoting active lifestyles.
4. **Legal – none.**
5. **Property/Assets - none.**
6. **Information Technology - none.**

7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** - none.
9. **Procurement** – none.
10. **Risk** - none.
11. **Privacy Impact** - none.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** –not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – not applicable.

List of Background Papers

None

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF REPORT SUBMITTED TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

CAPACITY

| | | |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1a | Number of Existing Services | 2 |
| 1b | Number of Services Expanded Using SG Summer 2022 Funding | 2 |
| 1c | Number of new services commissioned using SG Summer 2022 Funding | 3 |
| | | Total |
| 2a | Capacity of existing Services (i.e. prior to SG Summer 2022 funding) | 25,580 |
| 2b | Additional Capacity of existing Services due to SG Summer 2022 Funding | 6,020 |
| 2c | Capacity of new Services commissioned using SG Summer 2022 Funding | 10,429 |
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| 3a | Total number of children registered (New and Expanded services) | 986 |
| 3b | Number of children who attended (New and Expanded services) | 986 |
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| 4a | Are you able to identify individual children within services? - Delete as appropriate | Yes |
| 4b | Are you able to identify individual children across different services? - Delete as appropriate | Yes |

*Capacity is defined here as the total number of children able to use a service multiplied by the number of hours it operates over the summer

NUMBERS AND SPEND FIGURES BY ACTIVITY

SET OUT AS REQUESTED BY SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

| | Total spend by service type (£s) |
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| Outdoor activities, e.g. : den building; orienteering; outdoor learning; geocaching; beach picnic; bug hunts; mud kitchens | 51,780 |
| Sports/active, e.g.: football; basketball; netball; dance; skateboarding; cricket; rugby; park games; horse riding; water sports; skiing; surfing; mountain biking; sports tournaments | 46,946 |
| Play, e.g.: Lego; storytelling; free play; messy play; scavenger hunts | 46,560 |
| Arts/STEM, e.g.: music; media; computing; photography; arts and crafts; drama; media; graffiti workshops | 70,178 |
| Trips/holidays to various attractions, e.g. : farms; safari parks; laser tag; Edinburgh Dungeons, residentials, family holidays | 6,818 |

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| Community projects and events e.g. : painting an underpass; litter picking; recycling; gardening; mural design; street play; gala days; pop up roadshows | 2,177 |
| Specific programme for children with an ASN | 60,650 |
| Transition activities: various activities specifically for those starting primary/secondary school | 0 |
| Passes for community facilities, e.g. : leisure facilities; community attractions; travel passes | 4,850 |
| Vocational activities, e.g.: work with local employers; local colleges, team building | 0 |
| Intensive family support: third sector organisations working with families (e.g., Women's Aid, Children First), therapeutic programmes | 0 |
| Access to support organisations: facilitated access to support agencies (e.g., welfare rights); introductions / reconnections with agencies / support workers through staff joining trips | 0 |
| Any other services - Grants to Childcare organisations | 700 |
| Any other services - Youth Clubs | 1,755 |
| Total | 292,414 |

On what basis have you completed the information in this tab?

Activity as a result of SG Summer 2022 funding only

| Number of Children attending or benefitting by type of service: | under 5 | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|---------|----------|-------------------|-------|
| | | 5 to 8 | 9 to 11 | 12 to 14 | 15 to 18 ASN only | Total |
| Outdoor activities, e.g. : den building; orienteering; outdoor learning; geocaching; beach picnic; bug hunts; mud kitchens | 15 | 414 | 243 | 117 | 37 | 826 |
| Sports/active, e.g.: football; basketball; netball; dance; | 15 | 416 | 252 | 91 | 43 | 817 |
| Play, e.g.: Lego; storytelling; free play; messy play; scavenger hunts | 15 | 414 | 243 | 83 | 37 | 792 |

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| Arts/STEM, e.g.: music; media; computing; photography; arts and crafts; drama; media; graffiti workshops | 15 | 414 | 248 | 95 | 37 | 809 |
| Trips/holidays to various attractions, e.g. : farms; safari parks; laser tag; Edinburgh Dungeons, residentials, | 0 | 0 | 80 | 40 | 0 | 120 |
| Community projects and events e.g. : painting an underpass; litter picking; recycling; gardening; mural design; street play; gala days; pop up roadshows | 1 | 339 | 181 | 42 | 0 | 563 |
| Specific programme for children with an ASN | 0 | 49 | 56 | 52 | 37 | 194 |
| Transition activities: various activities specifically for those starting primary/secondary school ASN only | 0 | 49 | 51 | 45 | 37 | 182 |
| Passes for community facilities, e.g. : leisure facilities; community attractions; travel passes | 15 | 365 | 217 | 88 | 0 | 685 |
| Vocational activities, e.g.: work with local employers; local colleges, team building | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intensive family support: third sector organisations working with families (e.g., Women's Aid, Children First) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Access to support organisations: facilitated access to support agencies ASN only (e.g., welfare rights); introductions / reconnections with agencies / support workers through staff joining trips | 0 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 55 |
| Any other services Youth Clubs | | | | 35 | | 35 |
| Total children attending/benefitting across all services (individual children, please do not double count between rows) | | 416 | 287 | 240 | 43 | 986 |

CHILDREN ATTENDING BY PRIORITY CHARACTERISTICS

| Lone parent family | From Minority Ethnic Families | Families with a Disabled Adult or child | Families with a mother under 25 | Families with a child under 1 | Families with 3 or more children | Families for at least one of the priority family characteristics apply | Families for which none of the priority family characteristics apply |
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| 257 | 84 | 332 | 3 | 50 | 238 | 709 | 277 |

POSTCODES OF VENUES DELIVERING ACTIVITIES

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| PA5 0BB (West Johnstone) | PA3 4SF (Gallowhill) | PA3 1NR (Ferguslie) | PA4 8HL (Renfrew) |
| PA2 9FA (Foxbar) | PA3 3EY (Linwood) | PA3 3DP (Riverbrae ASN) | PA2 8DX (Glenburn) |
| PA3 2ST (Airport hotel) | PA2 6NN (Southend) | PA3 3EY (youth) | PA3 1EX (youth) |
| PA2 8DX (youth) | PA2 0NP (youth) | PA1 2RL (youth) | |

APPENDIX 2 PHOTOS FROM SUMMER OF FUN



Children took part Litter picking projects and learning from the Team Up to Clean Up Team



Fun at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre



Den Building equipment and instruction was provided at most venues



Watersports at Castle Semple Outdoor Centre



Archery and Rafting at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre



Moxi Drama Activities took place at all venues



Some of our many Arts and Crafts Projects



Archery at Lapwing Lodge



Not all Superheroes wear Capes!



St James' Renfrew with their wonderful murals



Indoor and Outdoor Fun at West Johnstone Campus





StreetStuff Activities at the Summer of Fun Camps



Family Learning Activities at Southend includes parents and children preparing lunches



Cycling at Castle Semple Outdoor Centre



Practising Circus Skill



Dance Skills from Right2Dance



Lunchtimes were a little hectic!