

## SERVICE UPDATE

<b><u>Name of Committee:</u></b>	City Growth & Resources
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<b><u>Title of Update:</u></b>	Food & Fun – provision of meals over school holidays
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### **UPDATE:**

The Finance, Policy and Resources Committee considered a report - Towards a Fairer Aberdeen – Provision of meals to children during school holidays'

The report recommended: -

that the Committee -

- (a) agree the proposed framework for providing school meals to school children during school holidays, subject to securing budget allocation which will be determined through the Council 2018/19 budget setting process (£50,000 was secured to deliver this programme (£15,000 for activity and £35,000 for meal provision);
- (b) delegate power to the Head of Communities and Housing, in consultation with the Head of Finance to approve funding grants for the purpose of providing meals and activities to school children during school holidays, any such funding award to be subject to an agreement approved by the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services;
- (c) instruct the Head of Communities and Housing to engage the Fairer Aberdeen Board and Locality Partnerships seeking their involvement to determine their role in agreeing funding allocations and subsequent monitoring; and
- (d) instruct the Head of Communities and Housing to report back to the Finance, Policy and Resources committee within fifteen months on the delivery of the programme.

The Committee resolved: -

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) that a Service Update be circulated to members after Summer 2018.

This improvement charter links to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and features on the Locality Tracker for the Community Planning Aberdeen Board.

The proposed framework was to provide up to a total of 10,000 meals to school children over the summer, October and festive holidays 2018/19. A blended approach supporting communities to deliver food and activity programmes would be delivered and Aberdeen City Council would directly deliver where there was insufficient capacity in priority neighbourhoods to deliver programmes.

During the 6-week school summer holidays the programme saw meals provided at: -

- Northfield Academy, Northfield
- Riverbank Primary, Tillydrone
- Tullos Primary, Torry

supported by ACC Communities Team staff along with partner agencies Sport Aberdeen through their Active Schools Co-ordinators, coaches, volunteers and senior pupil leaders; Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust coaches and volunteers and ACC Youth Work and Family Learning workers.

All food was provided through CFINE with as much as possible provided through FareShare. Hot meals were provided Monday/Wednesday/ Friday with 'Build your own Sandwich' – where all the ingredients to make a sandwich are put on tables for children to make their own sandwich – on Tuesday and Thursdays. ACC catering cooks provided the hot meal days and kitchen assistants on sandwich days. Roughly 25% of hot meal costs and 50% of packed lunch costs were provided through FareShare and therefore technically free.



Hot meals were also provided at Seaton Primary supported by volunteers from Seaton Church with ACC catering staff cooking meals.

Packed lunches, again provided by CFINE, were provided to the Big Noise project in Torry and Transition Extreme project run together with Police Scotland. Snacks and drinks were provided to 10 sessions of the play sessions run through Aberdeen Play Forum.

The Council provided grants to Middlefield Community Project and Woodside centre Association to provide meals.

The totals of meals provided exceeded the actual attendances – catering was for 60 children/parents (of nursery children) daily but attendances did not always meet that. Children were afforded opportunities for more helpings if wanted and wherever possible food was given home with parents when children collected. This was not always possible due to following rules for hot food and allergens.

Provided:

- 6480 hot meals
- 1720 packed lunches

480 packed lunches for Transition Extreme  
650 snacks & juices Play Forum

Number of children participating in the programme:  
409 different children at 4 main sites (Northfield/Riverbank/Seaton/Tullos)  
(4530 total attendances)

Number of meals provided directly by community groups:  
Middlefield 429 – 31 children  
Woodside 250 – 25 children

The overall satisfaction rating from the children participating either satisfied/highly satisfied with the meals provided was 100%

Activities played a major part of the programme and a range of sports, team games, and arts & crafts were available daily. Additional activities were arranged by individual sites and included visits from Scottish Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland, Aberdeen Science Centre, sporting specialists including gymnastics, boxing, Tae Kwon-do, Ibike sessions, and Hip Hop dance. Children all had different favourite activities and in general all activities were very well received.

Staff are currently evaluating the October holiday activity and preparing for the forthcoming festive programme

