

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT TITLE	Evaluation of Aberdeen Summer of Play Programme 2021/2022
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Education Operational Delivery Committee of 23rd June asked that an evaluation of the Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play 2021/22 be shared with Committee at the end of the programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- 2.1 notes the evaluation of our process in preparing for the Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play;
- 2.2 notes the evaluation of the programme by children, young people and families available in Appendix A;
- 2.3 instructs the Chief Education Officer to send a copy of the Summer of Play Evaluation Report to all Summer of Play partners, The Scottish Government and to parents and carers through the Education Service newsletter; and
- 2.4 instructs the Chief Education Officer to use the remaining funds to offer a similar programme for children with additional support needs and their siblings in August 2022.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1.1 Aberdeen City Council received a grant of £418,000 to help improve the wellbeing of children and young people over the summer holiday period.
- 3.1.2 In June 2021, the Education Operational Delivery Committee (EODC) approved a skeletal Summer of Play plan and instructed the Chief Education Officer to implement the plan over the school summer holiday period. Committee also requested that a full evaluation of the programme be

presented to a future meeting of EODC to ensure that lessons learned could be captured and used to inform future offers.

- 3.1.3 The national guidance outlined a set of guiding principles that were to be used in planning summer programmes. The guiding principles were:
- co-creation with children, young people, and families;
 - building on existing services, assets and knowledge of what works; and
 - partnership working and coordination.

- 3.1.4 The national guidance on the Summer of Play advised that a key purpose of the Grant was to:

- Provide **opportunities to (re)connect** with friends, peers, wider community and the outdoors, as well as with trusted adults.
- Provide **opportunities** for children and young people to **play, be active and enjoy themselves**. Activities should be as wide ranging and inclusive as possible to cover all interests, backgrounds and circumstances and shaped around a theme of fun and play with a view to providing positive experiences. Activities may include: sports; expressive arts; crafts; outdoor learning; trips and visits. Time outdoors should be optimised.
- **Equity** - Activities should be accessible to target families and barriers to participation such as transport should be mitigated as far as possible. Consideration should be given to how to meet wider needs, including through the integration of food, childcare, financial inclusion, family support and referral on to wider services where needed.
- **Engagement** – It will be important to build on existing trusted relationships and communication methods so that children and families know about the offer and are encouraged to engage with it.

- 3.1.4 The Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play Programme has been evaluated against the guiding principles and key purpose outlined in the national guidance on the Summer of Play.

3.2 How effectively did the Council plan the programme?

- 3.2.1 The timing of the Grant required the rapid mobilisation of resource to ensure timely delivery of the programme. With only 7 weeks in which to develop the programme and prepare for safe delivery an agile approach was adopted. A multi-agency and cross council Strategic Group was quickly established to oversee the development of the programme.

- 3.2.2 Some partners found uncertainty around Public Health guidance challenging and chose not to make an offer, some found the timescales too short due to other commitments and some tried to re-negotiate arrangements already in place to help satisfy the conditions of the Grant. In addition, some partners approached the Council with an offer when the programme was already in place. Any concerns or issues identified by partners were addressed by the Strategic Group wherever possible and some partners were supported to develop their proposals.

- 3.2.3 The Strategic Group met on a weekly basis and agreed to collaborate through MS Teams outwith those times. This approach provided a mechanism to take decisions quickly and maintain pace. Key pieces of work were shared (for example procurement and finance was held by one member of the Group whilst communications with partners sat with another) and this greatly aided the capacity of the Strategic Group and pace of progress.
- 3.2.4 A rapid audit of existing provision was undertaken including a review of all planned summer activity programmes for children and young people. An electronic survey was issued within one day of receiving the grant with responses requested within a week. This work was undertaken by education and communities staff as equal partners and is indicative of how Officers have played to strengths to ensure effective delivery. Council teams worked well together to promote completion of the survey and are confident that responses were representative.
- 3.2.5 Despite the relatively short timescale for responses over 1800 citizens shared their views and this data proved invaluable in shaping the programme. When the analysis of responses was completed the Strategic Group didn't feel the analysis provided sufficient information to help plan a programme for families impacted by additional support needs and disability. In order to address this gap in knowledge, Wee Too and Autism and Other Conditions Aberdeen were approached for support. The charity and peer support group freely gave of their time and energy to further canvas parents in order to shape an appropriate programme. The Strategic Group are grateful of their support.
- 3.2.6 The approach taken to seeking and taking account of suggested activities from our children, young people and families allowed Officers to extrapolate the needs data required to develop provisional plans for Committee approval. A longer timescale would have allowed young people to be more involved in directly planning the programme. In June 2021 Scottish Government colleagues noted clear alignment between the proposed programme and the self-reported needs of children, young people and families and commended the approach taken by Aberdeen City Council.
- 3.2.7 Partners were asked to provide an indication of how they could help address the needs highlighted through the survey. Taking this approach enabled the Strategic Group to check that proposals from partners clearly aligned with self reported needs. Confirming offers swiftly was of critical importance to ensure that partners were afforded as much time as possible to make detailed arrangements and in some cases recruit staff and the Teams channel was used to support timely decision making.
- 3.2.8 Some partners faced considerable challenges in terms of staffing, and we are indebted to them for their considerable efforts for our children, young people and families. All indications are that they stretched themselves fully to get the programme operational for the start of the summer holiday period. Of particular note is Wee Too who didn't request any resource to support the management of the extensive programme offered. The charity proved that they are indeed small but mighty and the programme benefited from many hours of support from the Wee Too! Ninjas (volunteers). Sport Aberdeen

also faced considerable challenges as they returned staff from furlough and provided an impressive programme for children and young people in tandem with separate programmes designed for children with additional support needs. The Sport Aberdeen commitment to an inclusive programme is greatly appreciated by parents and carers.

- 3.2.9 The goodwill and long hours invested by partners cannot be underestimated. In addition to the time, energy and shared commitment to delivering a high-quality programme the amount of flexibility cannot be overstated. Examples of this include Sport Aberdeen partnering with We Too! to ensure that all offers for children with additional support needs were supported by both the We Too! Ninjas in collaboration with Sport Aberdeen. This partnership enabled We Too! to provide support and guidance to parents and carers as children enjoyed their activities and was further strengthened by We Too! offering training and guidance to Sport Aberdeen staff on how to shape 'relaxed' sessions for families. A further example of the flexibility shown is that Sport Aberdeen approached Robert Gordon University and the Aberdeen Sports Village on our behalf to help secure enough pool time for our swimming offer. The time, energy and expertise of partners in the preparatory phase was freely given at no cost to the Council.
- 3.2.10 As planning was being finalised an Operational Group was established to help oversee the summer programme. The Operational Group held virtual meetings with partners to start building relationships, provide an opportunity for partners to raise any questions and explore important practical steps required around health and safety and child protection. This approach enabled the Strategic Group to hold the responsibility for the design and launch of the programme and allowed the Operational Group to fully prepare for the programme.
- 3.2.11 Some of the Summer of Play funding was allocated to funded partners of the Council so that they could extend their community-based programmes and plans. Where this happened, partners enhanced their offer further to ensure no duplication.
- 3.2.12 Sport Scotland provided additional funding to Sport Aberdeen. Sport Aberdeen ensured that the additional resource further enhanced the Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play programme by offering funding to member organisations of the Active Aberdeen Partnership and local community sports clubs to help them develop their own programmes. Sport Aberdeen also added additional opportunities in the established Summer of Play programme where demand was high.
- 3.2.13 The success of the approach taken has ensured that all of the general principles in the national guidance were adhered to. The Strategic Group and Operational Group are grateful for the unwavering commitment of partners to deliver the best programme possible for our children, young people and families.

3.3 How well did we prepare for the launch?

- 3.3.1 The scale of the programme required the development of a technical solution for bookings. Customer experience colleagues considered a range of

options and determined that Microsoft Bookings would provide a means of handling bookings, any cancellations and the provision of lists to partners in order that we could satisfy Public Health requirements for contact details.

- 3.3.2 It was agreed that 2 partners delivering specific programmes, Sport Aberdeen and We Too! would manage their own bookings through Eventbrite in case families had particular questions about the activities they were operating. All routes to book were made available on the city website.
- 3.3.3 Even with Sport Aberdeen and We Too! managing their own bookings the scale of the set up cannot be underestimated and considerable Council resource was channelled to both the establishment and testing of the booking system, the design of the webpages and associated communication plan. The Strategic and Operational Groups are extremely grateful for the many daily hours given to the programme by Customer Experience colleagues who took full responsibility for establishing, populating, testing and operating the booking system.
- 3.3.4 Establishing daily 'check-ins' helped clarify what colleagues in Customer Experience required from partners for the booking system and webpages. The Strategic Group provided the information requested as the Operational Group continued to work through the finer delivery details with partners.
- 3.3.5 After a period of robust system testing a 'go live' date was set and media colleagues and school leaders supported the launch.
- 3.3.6 An online self-serve booking approach was opted for by both Aberdeen City Council and Sport Aberdeen. Digital support was available for those who did not have easy digital access. Minimal contact at the Customer Contact Centre was received (less than 1% of overall bookings) which would suggest the system was accessible and user friendly. The bookings process was split into 3 phases. Bookings were firstly opened to those who came under the priority criteria to ensure that we reached our priority groups. Phase 2 of the bookings process was for those families not within our priority criteria. Phase 3 of the bookings process was implemented after one-week, with families able to book more than the initial 4 activities limit.
- 3.3.7 Social media engagement ahead of the bookings opening was at 8.3% which is 6% above average campaigns. The webpage has had a total of 21,000 unique visits since go live. The webpage was able to provide customers with frequently asked questions to reduce demand into the contact centre.
- 3.3.8 Cross Council preparations were thorough. Limited negative feedback through social media was quickly taken into account in order to improve the customer experience.

3.4 Did the programme provide opportunities to reconnect and be active?

- 3.4.1 A full evaluation of the programme based on feedback from children, young people and families is available in Appendix A. The Aberdeen City Council run programme made 7551 different bookable opportunities available to children and young people as well as a wide array of more bespoke arrangements for children with complex additional support needs.

- 3.4.2 The We Too! programme made 2193 bookable opportunities targeted at children with additional support needs and their siblings, and Sport Aberdeen made a wide range of sporting and adventurous opportunities (5975) available. These offers constitute in excess of 15,000 bookable opportunities for families across Aberdeen City and a range of more bespoke arrangements for families and those living in priority areas.
- 3.4.3 Opportunities delivered through We Too! were exceptionally well attended with We Too! social media channels used to advise of last minute cancellations. This helped WeToo! operate high occupancy over the course of the programme. This demonstrates the clear demand for supports for families impacted by Additional Support Needs and disability.
- 3.4.4 Partners adapted their approach based on feedback during the sessions. Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust offered daily activities for different ages of children and young people and as such had a very high volume of activity. The Trust combined some sessions where there was n't high demand (generally older young people sessions were less requested) to ensure that those who were keen to attend could access a longer session. Occupancy levels were 74% but this figure doesn't take account of the changes made mid programme. When mid programme changes are taken into account occupancy rises to 79%.
- 3.4.5 The programme was extensive with a range of activities available for all age groups. Parents and carers were asked to let us know if they were unable to attend sessions to allow us to offer places to those off the 'wait list'. This e-mail reminder helped remind parents to cancel bookings if their child was no longer able to attend due to self-isolation arrangements or other commitments.
- 3.4.6 The lateness of some cancellations did present some challenges in terms of filling spaces from our 'wait list' due to the scale of the programme and not all families advised that they wished to cancel the booking. Earlier reminder notification may have supported earlier cancellations and the timing of the reminder will be considered if establishing a similar programme again in the future.
- 3.4.7 Analysis of under capacity activities shows that high volume activities (daily opportunities for some sports, dance and play) tended to have some spare capacity. Feedback shows that the smaller group dynamic did not hamper the enjoyment or value of the session.
- 3.4.8 This suggests that there is a desire for longer but less frequent sessions and this will be taken into account if planning a similar programme again. Where over provision became apparent and spaces were not fully utilised, plans were amended to reduce the total number of sessions whilst lengthening the sessions times available. In general terms, there was less demand from young people in the senior phase. This may indicate that they didn't require the programme to re-engage with friends. It would be helpful to engage a focus group of young people to support planning if asked to develop a similar programme again.

- 3.4.9 The programme provided a wide range of opportunities for children and young people to connect. There are lessons learned around high volume activities and the design and development of activities for young people in the senior phase which will be taken into account if asked to develop a similar programme again.
- 3.4.10 The Programme effectively provided opportunities for children and young people to connect. The operation of the programme also highlighted the high demand for opportunities for children with additional support needs and their siblings. Of particular note is that these activities had low cancellation levels indicating a strong need for connection. It is proposed that any unspent funds be used to provide a similar programme to be developed to target at children with additional support needs and their siblings in summer 2022.

3.5 To what extent was the programme equitable?

- 3.5.1 Professionals were given 36 hours to book particularly vulnerable children and young people into activities. These spaces were limited to those most in need of support in the categories already identified in the Summer of Play report of June 2021.
- 3.5.2 The timing was challenging but a review of the data suggests that this approach did effectively allow those most in need to access activities over the summer months with around 70% of opportunities being taken up by our priority groups.
- 3.5.3 Families who were unable to book activities were supported by staff from across the partnership and were able to make bookings in libraries or by phoning the Customer Contact Centre Line.
- 3.5.5 The majority (around 70%) of activities ran in our priority areas and no requests for support with transport were received. Sport Aberdeen provided transport for more adventurous activities outwith bus routes. This would suggest that the programme was fully accessible.

3.6 Did families engage with the offer?

- 3.6.1 Despite the extensive programme, parents and carers were asked to book only 4 sessions in total initially to ensure that as many families as possible could benefit from the offer.
- 3.6.2 The bookings opened at noon on 17th June and within 4 hours over 3000 bookings had been made for the ACC managed events alone. This would suggest that the programme was well advertised and that the families were keen to take advantage of the programme.
- 3.6.3 Social media was used to help advertise the offer in advance of the launch and the engagement statistics were monitored to check reach. Within 4 hours of the launch over 15000 impressions were made through social media and 95 individuals had 'retweeted'.
- 3.6.4 In advance of the launch almost all of the social media comments had been positive about the scale of the programme. A few comments on the day of

the launch raised issues with the webpage and the Customer team quickly made amendments to take account of feedback.

- 3.6.5 A wide range of positive qualitative feedback has been received from our children and young people and is contained in Appendix A. The Strategic Group are confident that engagement with the Summer of Play programme has been exceptionally positive and that engagement has been high.

3.7 Did the programme effectively support the vulnerable groups identified?

The Sport Aberdeen Managed Programme

- 3.7.1 Sport Aberdeen made 5975 offers available and 3006 of those were taken by children and young people in our priority groups. The offers made in collaboration with We Too! are not included in these figures.
- 3.7.2 955 Sport Aberdeen participants lived in our priority areas (Torry 177, Seaton/Tillydrone 173 and Northfield 605.) 999 of the 5975 opportunities were accessed by children in receipt of free school meals.
- 3.7.3 249 Sport Aberdeen opportunities were accessed by care experienced children and young people and a further 145 by young carers.
- 3.7.4 The Sport Aberdeen offer was really popular with children with additional support needs who were able to access mainstream activities and 373 children attended. 285 children who were siblings of those with additional support needs also benefited. Some of these siblings will also be young carers.
- 3.7.5 2935 children who were not in our priority groups also benefited from the Sport Aberdeen Summer of Play.

The We Too! Managed Programme

- 3.7.6 We Too! offered a range of activities including their 'relaxed sessions' which are sessions which have been sensory adjusted to be as inclusive to as many as possible in an understanding and compassionate environment. This allows peer support and friendships to develop between both children and parent/carers attending.
- 3.7.7 All activities made available through We Too! supported either a child with additional support needs or a sibling of a child with additional support needs who may also be recognised as a young carer. As a result, 100% of provision supported our priority groups. Of great value was that activities also supported families.
- 3.7.8 We Too! used their social media channels to advertise any late availability and were able to effectively mitigate any risks associated with self-isolation. Non-attendance figures were extremely low.

The Aberdeen City Council managed programme

- 3.7.9 The Aberdeen City run programme made 7551 bookable opportunities available from a range of smaller organisations and in house offers. 3923 of the bookable opportunities were taken by children and young people in our priority groups.
- 3.7.10 1423 participants who booked lived in our priority areas (Torry 361, Seaton/Tillydrone 312 and Northfield 750). 1495 were accessed by children in receipt of free school meals.
- 3.7.11 237 bookable opportunities were accessed by care experienced children and young people and a further 109 by young carers.
- 3.7.12 The activities were well received by children with additional support needs with 335 children accessing bookable opportunities, 324 children who are the sibling of a child with additional support needs also benefited who may also have been identified as a young carer.
- 3.7.13 In addition to the bookable events, childcare provision for children with moderate additional support needs and their siblings was available. This provision has been exceptionally well received and has filled a gap in provision for some families and provided much needed short term respite for families in the knowledge that their children were happy and well supported. Where lack of finances would have prohibited longer term attendance, funding was made available to cover this.
- 3.7.14 A number of families have approached the service to request that the service continues as it effectively addressed a gap in provision. 100% of this service was accessed by our priority groups, 19 children and 5 siblings accessed 164 sessions in total.
- 3.7.15 Seven children attended Countesswells ASN Holiday Club who attend the Additional Support Needs After School club weekly, this was 36% of total attendance. Parents expressed that it was great to have a service that meant they didn't have to rely on other family members or change their work pattern during the holidays and that for some it maintained a routine and that then had a positive impact at home.
- 3.7.16 Families of those impacted by complex additional support needs greatly appreciated and valued the range of supports made available for them. Professionals supporting the families believe that these offers have provided good support to families over the summer holiday period. Arrangements were bespoke to the needs of individual families and this personalised planning helped ensure that families could access what they needed. 100% of these offers were accessed by our priority groups. This support was provided for 67 children and young people, a number of whom had been previously required to shield, hence had not been attending education nor had been afforded other opportunities for socialisation.

- 3.7.17 Offers to families ranged from extending time for children with most complex health and disability, in the newly developing playscheme at Orchard Brae School, additional sessions within the playscheme specific to children with autism and more complex health needs, woodland adventure activity day camps, one to one outings for socialisation and fun for children and their carers, whole family trips out, including where required, transport costs, to local attractions as well as, where appropriate those further afield.
- 3.7.18 The programme effectively targeted the groups and highlighted a particular need from those with additional support needs and their siblings.

3.8 How did COVID-19 impact the programme?

- 3.8.1 The majority of the Summer of Play offer took place outdoors providing a safer environment, lessening the restrictions placed on children and young people, enabling activities that were both safe and freeing. Covid-19 did impact on the maximum numbers some sessions could offer for example, family sessions where adults needed to physically distance and contributed to the total number of people needed to be limited.
- 3.8.2 All sessions were pre-booked and no sessions could be 'drop in' due to the need to collect data for Public Health. The operational group worked closely with the Corporate Health & Safety Team to provide a Summer of Play Covid-19 Risk Assessment template that was easily adjusted for each partner's context.
- 3.8.3 Programme information was shared with Public Health ahead of the Summer of Play starting and booking information and session registers were collected so information could be easily passed on to Public Health should the need arise. Colleagues in Environmental Health were also available to provide advice and guidance.
- 3.8.4 The Operational Group and partners worked well within the restrictions in place and the restrictions of the pandemic are not thought to have hampered delivery of the programme.
- 3.8.5 Resource was identified to cover cleaning costs that would have been necessary if activities had to move from outdoor to indoor venues. Indoor venues were rarely required and this has contributed to an underspend. Some partners did not require the level of staffing anticipated as staff were largely unaffected by the need for self-isolation and their invoices have been amended accordingly.
- 3.8.6 All children and young people who participated were asked to rate their experience. The average enjoyment rating was 9.5 out of 10 so we can confidently say that the restrictions didn't impact on enjoyment.

3.9 Legacy of the Summer of Play Programme

- 3.9.1 The investment in our community assets has helped provide much needed resources which will help them deliver similar programmes to their communities in the future.

- 3.9.2 The superb efforts of Partners clearly shows that utilising the strength of partners improves service delivery. Consideration will be given to how we could capitalise on these relationships and partnerships further as we move through the Recovery Phase. The reach of We Too! and their well established relationships with families provides a real opportunity to think differently about how we work together to support families impacted by additional support needs.
- 3.9.3 The approach to the design, development and delivery of the programme has been highly effective. The approach will be captured so that it can be used as a blue-print for any similar opportunities in the future.
- 3.9.4 The efforts and impacts generated through Summer of Play are palpable, it demonstrates what is possible when partners and colleagues work together at full stretch for the benefit of children, young people and families, a great example of one team. This work provides a stronger foundation for future cross organisation and partnership working.
- 3.9.5 The Summer of Play strategic and operational groups brought together staff working across Education, Children's Social Work, Early Intervention & Community Empowerment, Customer Experience, Estates and a range of others. This matrix approach brought new working relationships as well as developing existing ones. These relationships extended to Summer of Play delivery partners across sports, science and technology, arts, Additional Support Needs and communities. In many instances organisations and services, were beginning to operate face to face following Covid-19 restrictions, Summer of Play created the impetus, guidance and confidence to do this collectively.
- 3.9.6 Earlier lead in times and Covid19 safe working environments for future initiatives would enable a more engaging co-creation with children, young people and families, however the demand, satisfaction rating and feedback from Summer of Play suggests it was pitched just right, it was an overwhelming success and there is an appetite for more.
- 3.9.7 The fair weather resulted in cleaning costs being lower, a lack of positive COVID-19 cases reduced the costs of associated, 'deep cleans'. In some cases, staffing levels were lower than anticipated and invoices from partners have been amended according. As a result there is an underspend of £31,226.14. Scottish Government has asked that we advise them of how we intend to use any underspend.
- 3.9.8 Given that some resource is already in place to support children in our priority areas, it is proposed that the £31,226.14 underspend be used to provide an offer for children with additional support needs (and their siblings) over the next school holiday period.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs of the Summer of Play programme were met from existing Council budgets and resources available from the Summer of Play Grant. The full Grant was allocated as of June 2021 although some costs have not been as high as first anticipated. As a result £31,226.14 remains to be spent.

PROVIDER TYPE & NAME	ALLOCATED
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	£418,000.00
INTERNAL-ACC	£93,238.06
EXTERNAL-TECHFEST ABERDEEN	£2,000.00
EXTERNAL-ABERDEEN SCIENCE CENTRE	£3,457.00
ALEO-SPORT ABERDEEN	£109,880.00
EXTERNAL- ABERDEEN FOOTBALL COMMUNITY TRUST	£25,534.00
EXTERNAL-CITYMOVES	£8,492.00
EXTERNAL-ABERLOUR (Futures)	£11,005.00
EXTERNAL - NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE	£12,600.00
EXTERNAL - WE TOO!	£10,938
EXTERNAL - ABERLOUR OPTIONS 1	£8,500.00
EXTERNAL - ABERLOUR OPTIONS 2	£10,000.00
EXTERNAL - GRAMPIAN AUTISTIC SOCIETY	£35,623.00
EXTERNAL - LINN MOOR	£4,001.80
EXTERNAL - DIRECT PAYMENTS TO CLIENTS	£31,000.00
EXTERNAL - ABERDEEN LADS CLUB	£10,455.00
INTERNAL - BALNAGASK COMMUNITY CENTRE	£300.00
EXTERNAL - CULTIVATE ABERDEEN	£500.00
EXTERNAL-JESUS HOUSE TORRY	£1,750.00
EXTERNAL - KINGS CHURCH FOUNDATION	£2,000.00
EXTERNAL- NORTHFIELD CONGREGATIONAL FUND	£1,000.00
EXTERNAL - NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE	£1,500.00
EXTERNAL - CUMMINGS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE	£1,000.00
EXTERNAL - TESCO HUB PROJECT	£1,000.00
EXTERNAL - MASTRICK COMMUNITY CENTRE	£1,000.00
TOTAL SPENT	£386773.86
	£31,226.14

BALANCE

4.2 The underspend of £31.226.14 is due to a saving in both cleaning and staffing costs.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Strategic Risk	Failure to review lessons learned could lead to missed	L	An extensive evaluation has been undertaken.

	opportunities in the future		
Compliance	Not complying with COVID-19 guidance to reduce risk to children and young people	L	All aspects of the Summer of Play programme were carefully risk assessed to mitigate risk in keeping with national guidance.
Operational	Risk of those delivering the programme not having the information they required.	L	Arrangements were in place to provide the information required along with an 'on call system' to ensure partners were supported.
Financial	N/A		
Reputational	Risk of not seizing the opportunity to develop a programme to support the wellbeing of those most adversely impacted by the pandemic	L	Implementation and carefully monitoring of the programme with an agile approach led to a highly effective programme.
Environment / Climate	N/A		

7. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
Impact of Report	
<p>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</p> <p>UNICEF Child Friendly accreditation and Commit to closing the attainment gap while working with partners across the city</p>	<p>The programme was designed by children and young people and positively impacts on our work to embed the views of children and young people in our development of proposals. The summer programme effectively supported the wellbeing of learners enabling them to engage more fully with more formal education in the new school year.</p>
Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
<p>Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes</p>	<p>The programme supported the delivery of nearly all Children & Young People Stretch Outcomes in the LOIP. The paper seeks approval to deliver a summer programme which will support the wellbeing of a large number of children most negatively impacted by the pandemic and is likely to positively impact on the following LOIP outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of children (0-5 years) will reach their expected developmental milestones by the time of their child health reviews by 2026.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of children and young people will report that they feel mentally well by 2026. • 95% of care experienced children and young people will have the same levels of attainment in education, emotional wellbeing, and positive destinations as their peers by 2026. • 95% of children living in our priority localities will sustain a positive destination upon leaving school by 2026. • Child Friendly City which supports all children to prosper and engage actively with their communities by 2026.
UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes	The report supports delivery of the Child Poverty Action report, which fulfils the requirements placed upon the Council by the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Evaluation of The Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play

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