

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme 2021

EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To seek approval for the provision of a budget from LCC via the Department of Education for the Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) programme 2021 and to establish the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Head of Policy and Engagement is authorised to entered into an agreement with the county council to accept the funding to deliver the programme.
3. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to give effect to all necessary documentation to implement the above decision.
4. That Full Council, or the Chief Executive under Council Urgency powers, is recommended to establish the budget using the HAF grant funding allocation for 2021.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. To support the borough's most vulnerable residents and provide activities with food for those children and young people eligible for free school meals.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

6. Lancashire County Council (LCC) has received an allocation of £4,212,930 to make free places at holiday clubs available in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays in 2021.
7. LCC coordinated this activity for Easter 2021.
8. For delivery during the Summer and Christmas schools holidays LCC has given the funding to each of the 12 District Councils. The budget is apportioned to the number of free schools meal pupils in the District. Burnley will receive £397,891 as set out in an LCC determination letter.

9. This provision will be made available to children in the local authority area who are eligible for and receive benefits-related free school meals.
10. Grants will be given to partners who apply for funding and meet all eligibility criteria.
11. A steering group to oversee this programme has already been established (terms of reference attached as Appendix 1).
12. HAF 2021 guidance for Las can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

13. A one-off grant of £397,891 will be given to Burnley Council for the delivery of activities over the summer and Christmas school holiday period. There are no new budget implications for the council arising from the programme.
14. Burnley Council will then grant fund partners who will provide the activities.
15. An additional allocation of £9300 is available for coordination.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. The main implications are:
 - a. A steering group has already been established to oversee the delivery of the HAF programme in Burnley
 - b. Making sure that the HAF programme complements and enhances existing provision over the holidays.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

17. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

18. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: