



Subject:	Summer Schemes – Additional Needs
Date:	4 February 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues																						
1.1	To provide committee with information on 2024 pilot funding to summer schemes for children with additional needs and proposed funding in 2025.																						
2.0	Recommendation																						
2.1	<p>Members are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the contents of the report which describes the impact of the pilot funding to summer schemes for children with additional needs. • Agree to promote £80,000 funding for summer schemes for children with additional needs, with an amount of £20,000 to be available to groups in north, south, east and west Belfast. • Approve the eligibility criteria for applications. 																						
3.0	Main Report																						
3.1	Background																						
3.2	<p><u>Pilot Funding for Children with Additional Needs</u></p> <p>A report proposing enhanced summer scheme provision was brought to the February 2024 meeting of the People and Communities Committee and an amount of £80,000 was approved through Strategic Policy and Resources committee to support provision across each of the four areas of the city with decisions to be approved through the Area Based Working Groups. The table below indicates the funding offered to each organisation.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 1122 1082 1507"> <thead> <tr> <th>Provider</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sólás</td> <td>£12,480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belvoir ASD Support Group</td> <td>£7,520</td> </tr> <tr> <td>174 Trust</td> <td>£13,771</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cedar Lodge School</td> <td>£6,725</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kids Together</td> <td>£9,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Gerard's School</td> <td>£9,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snowflakes</td> <td>£2,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ledley Hall Trust</td> <td>£8,538</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mencap</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£79,984</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Provider	Amount	Sólás	£12,480	Belvoir ASD Support Group	£7,520	174 Trust	£13,771	Cedar Lodge School	£6,725	Kids Together	£9,100	St. Gerard's School	£9,500	Snowflakes	£2,800	Ledley Hall Trust	£8,538	Mencap	£10,000		£79,984
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3.3	Officers have continued to work alongside the delivery organisations, with eight of the nine organisations completing delivery, reporting on finance and performance, and receiving their funding in accordance with letters of offer. Reporting and final payment has not yet been completed by Ledley Hall Trust.																						
3.4	Delivery organisations applied a range of delivery methods based on their internal resources and specific needs of their target group. Data compiled to date, which does not include a return from Ledley Hall, confirms that the pilot scheme afforded a welcome opportunity for the organisations to provide high quality provision for 294 unique individuals with a total of 2,335 participations recorded across all sessions.																						
3.5	<p><u>Allocation Model for 2025</u></p> <p>The purpose of the funding is to enhance provision within the sector and will be available to support participation for those who cannot access any other summer scheme, programmes or services during the summer months due to support needs.</p>																						

3.6	<p>It is recommended that a total amount of £20,000 is allocated per area, north, south, east and west Belfast. Applicants will be required to submit a proposal demonstrating all of the following opportunities, along with a proposed budget;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in activities to improve health and well-being 2. Learn new skills 3. Participate in assorted physical activities (indoor or outdoor environments) 4. Provide educational and learning opportunities 5. Access to social activities 6. Communication - listening, speaking and understanding <p>Detail on funding eligibility is provided in appendix 1.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> Delivery of funding to summer schemes for children with additional needs in summer 2025 will require £80,000 to be allocated to Departmental budget estimates and a growth proposal has been submitted to support this.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> This report proposes funding schemes which are designed to support improved outcomes for under-represented groups, specifically children with additional needs.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Purpose of funding and eligibility</p>