



Subject:	Summer Programmes
Date:	12 May 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues																						
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on activity that is being delivered for children and young people this summer. It contains information on services directly delivered by Neighbourhood Services or activity that is funded through Neighbourhood Services budgets.																						
2.0	Recommendation																						
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3.0	Main Report																						
Background information																							
3.1	Council does not have a dedicated team delivering services for Children and Young People. However, as part of our ongoing delivery, Neighbourhood Services offers the following provision.																						
<u>Summer Schemes</u>																							
3.2	Two week summer scheme programmes are offered at 33 locations across the city over July and August. (6 – Play Service, 27 – Community Centres). Summer schemes aim to provide a balanced, enriching programme for children in P1-P7 that supports social, emotional, and physical development. Participation is free of charge, helping to ensure equality of access for all families within the community. All activities are delivered by experienced staff within a safe and inclusive environment. In addition to centre based sessions, there may be an out of centre programme.																						
3.3	Registration for all schemes opens on Monday 11th May at 10am and closes at 5pm on Friday 15th May. Members agreed in 2024 that given the limited availability for these summer schemes information would be provided locally through community centres in order to manage expectation and demand. Parents and guardians can get information about specific summer schemes by contacting a community centre directly.																						
3.4	The table below indicates delivery by council schemes in 25/26. Members may wish to note that we currently advise parents and legal guardians that our service and staff do not provide 1-2-1 support or intimate care needs. However, last year, 15% of participants were children with additional needs.																						
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3.6	<p><u>Additional schemes</u></p> <p>In addition to the standard two week summer schemes, our Play Service also provides a number of shorted schemes which use different approaches. These include an Outdoor Summer Scheme, Street/outdoor play sessions, Under-5s summer scheme, Sports and games summer sessions, Parent & Child Summer Scheme and Play & Stay sessions (where parents also attend).</p>
3.7	<p><u>Activity supported through Neighbourhood Services funding.</u></p> <p>Members will be aware that council has delivered a Summer Scheme grant programme for many years. The annual budget for the grant programme is £170,000. This year 89 community and voluntary organisations will receive financial support of up to £2,500 to run a community summer scheme for children and young people between 5 and 14 years of age, during July and August.</p> <p>The Summer Scheme for children with Additional Needs grant was first introduced in 23/24. The scheme supports local community, voluntary organisations and Special Educational Need schools to run a summer scheme for children and young people between 5 and 17 years of age with disabilities and/or additional needs who have restricted/limited access to any other summer scheme, programmes, or services during the summer months due to support needs. 19 organisations have received support to a total value of £135,431.</p>
4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p>
4.1	<p>All activity outlined in this report can be delivered through existing staff and financial resources.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</p>
5.1	<p>The activity outlined in this report will have a positive impact on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p>
6.1	<p>N/A</p>