

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**Report to:** Children's and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

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**Subject:** Summer in the City Delivery Report

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### SUMMARY

Our Summer in the City programme has been a hugely successful Programme and a real staple of the Summer for the Borough's residents. Providing free holiday activity and food for school aged children, it provides engaging activities, physical activity and nutrition education. We also provided nutritious and wholesome meals for vulnerable young people, supporting families facing the cost-of-living crisis.

This year we saw high levels of engagement as well as a lot of positive feedback from parents from families.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the report.

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**Wards Affected:** (Give the Wards directly affected, or "None" or "All")

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Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	This provision helped vulnerable children to build knowledge and resilience over the school holidays
Creating a compassionate council	This provision helped vulnerable children have access to food and support
Doing things with local residents, not to them	This provision involved a significant partnership of local organisations that worked directly with communities to develop provision that was accessible and reached children across the borough
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	Made use of grant funding to support

	residents, whilst also building resilience
Taking pride in H&F	Deliver high quality holiday provision and high profile events
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	Provision helped children to have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition, that supports a more sustainable diet

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## Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

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## DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The Holiday Activity and Food programme is a DfE grant that funds make free places at holiday clubs available in the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays. Since Easter 2021, LMP Action CIC has been commissioned to coordinate the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme on behalf of the Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Council.
2. Like last year, this programme was delivered under the branding of Summer in the City (SITC) and offered a plethora of enriching activities and provided nutritious food for children and young people. The programme was well received by the local community and residents within the Borough of H&F. SITC provided local children and families, within the Borough, with five weeks of fully funded food and activities. LMP Action worked with 23 local providers and collectively, the programme had 20,789 engagements with children and young people across the coalition.
3. Activities provided included dance, music, rowing, drone flying, nutritional education, enrichment and much more. This summer, we aimed to include a plethora of different activities across the borough that would engage young people and their families. As such, we were also able to offer 28 one-off events that took place in the borough's beautiful open spaces. These include:
  - **Weekly bike maintenance** workshops located in Ravenscourt Park. These workshops allowed families and young people to learn how to fix their bikes which assists in supporting sustainability and the environment.
  - **The English Chamber Orchestra (ECO)** provided two days of sessions. This provided young people with an interactive experience with the orchestra to not only hear beautiful music but to engage with it in sessions themed around climate change.
  - **Puppetry, story-maker sessions**, in collaboration with the Council. Young people created their own puppets and engaged in creating stories for themselves. The young people loved to engage with this session as they were able to be creative

- **Uniformed Services Week**, a week-long event that engaged many young people and families. It was a great opportunity for the community to interact with many of our armed forces and try activities including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The Royal Navy were able to offer many of these STEM activities as well as teambuilding activities. With the Metropolitan Police, young people were able to meet the K-9 unit and learn more about what the Metropolitan Police do. The Army provided fun problem solving and teambuilding games. London Fire Brigade also met the young people and showed them their equipment including the fire truck and hoses.
- **Nourish Summer Holiday Cookery Club**, a 3-day, cookery extravaganza to develop skills for life. Young people prepared a variety of nutritious and tasty dishes, designed recipes and ate together in the wonderful social space of the hub. Young people tried new flavours, explored world foods and developed skills in the kitchen - all whilst learning the importance of fighting food waste and eating healthily.
- **Bikeability sessions** were held in three locations across the Borough to actively encourage beginners to cycle. These sessions were targeted at those that have little opportunity to learn to ride, including women from the Somalian community and the Ukranian refugees. These sessions had full attendance over three weeks.

### **Summer Attendance**

4. Summer in the City 2022 supported 3,617 unique children and young people across 20,786 engagements, almost 4,000 more than last year (16,821).
5. Promotion of provision was particularly targeted to vulnerable children. 11,964 of the engagement were with children eligible for FSM and over 2,000 were with children with special education needs or disabilities.
6. Helping to address food poverty over the holiday period, all provision provided free nutritious meals, with many providers offering both breakfast and lunch. In total over 23,000 meals were provided.
7. Providers also delivered 404 hours of food and nutritional education and 905 hours of physical activity.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	TOTAL
<b>Number of unique children (#) – Each child counted once per programme</b>	1126	475	490	362	456	<b>2,909</b>
<b>Number of children in attendance (#)</b>	3723	4146	3936	4142	3371	<b>19,318</b>
<b>Hours of food and nutritional education (#)</b>	89.5	85.5	90.5	86.5	52	<b>404</b>
<b>Number eligible for FSM</b>	2141	2432	2430	2710	2251	<b>11,964</b>
<b>Total hours of physical activity (#)</b>	205	278	185	112	125	<b>905</b>
<b>Primary Aged Young People (#)</b>	2537	2590	2560	2630	2408	<b>12,725</b>
<b>Secondary-aged Young People (#)</b>	1102	1186	1169	1230	1030	<b>5,717</b>

*Breakdown of attendance (excluding one off and outdoor events.)*

## Feedback

8. Following an online survey after each activity or provision, we asked parents of young people who attended a SITC activity to let us know their thoughts and feedback. We received 241 completed surveys. Below are some of their responses:
  - 99% found the provision to be ‘useful’ or ‘extremely useful’
  - 97% of parents said their children rated the experience and activities as part of the SITC Programme as either ‘good’ or ‘excellent’.
  - 100% of parents rated their child(ren)’s experience on the programme as ‘good’ or ‘excellent’.
  - 97% of parents said their child(ren) came back happy from the provision on most days
  - 96% of parents feel that the programme has helped their child(ren) with developing their confidence/self-esteem.
  - 93% of parents feel that the SITC Programme has helped their child(ren) with developing their social skills.
  - 100% of parents would book their child(ren) on again if this programme ran again over the holidays.
9. When asked about positive aspects of the Programme, parents and guardians could provide some positive qualitative responses. We surveyed many parents/guardians and received over 240 responses. Some of these include:

*“I loved my son's confidence when delivering his role and how he articulated his feelings. The fact he was willing and able to get to rehearsals with a small amount of prompting from myself was amazing. The additional aspect of food being provided also helped a lot.”*

*“Great team members, excellent activities and friendly staff. My daughter came back every day saying how much she enjoyed all the games and activities. Activities like this are so much better for her than being in an iPad. She gained so much confidence. Thank you so much to the Council for these free activities.”*

*“My son is very sporty, so this was on point with everything that was offered. I liked that the provider thought about different ages and supported their interests. My son felt safe at the camp and the staff were very supportive and focused totally on the young people. It was a bonus that food and snacks were also provided, which made it easier on me given the cost of living.”*