

# LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

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

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**Subject:** Summer in the City 2025

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## SUMMARY

Summer in the City is the highlight of the council's delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. The accompanying report provides an overview of delivery this summer.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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**Wards Affected:** All

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<b>Our Values</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the H&amp;F Values</b>
Building shared prosperity	We worked with 32 local providers to deliver this provision as well as bringing together a range of supporting partners.
Creating a compassionate council	Our provision supports children facing disadvantage to access opportunities over the school holidays.
Doing things with local residents, not to them	Our programme is developed through feedback from children, families and local providers.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	This provision makes use of grant funding to support our residents.
Taking pride in H&F	Summer in the City brings together communities, supporting children to have a happy and healthy summer.

Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	All our provision contains an element of nutritional education, supporting children to eat healthy sustainable diets.
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## BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

None

## DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. Summer in the City is part of the council's delivery of the DfE Holiday Activity and Food Programme, providing free activities for school aged children that promote fitness, nutrition and social engagement.
2. Coordinated by our external partners at LMP Action CIC; Over the five-week period, we worked with 32 local providers to deliver inclusive sessions and events for young people. A wide range of high quality activities were delivered, including sports, arts, cultural opportunities and specialist SEND provision.
3. A set back this year was the cancellation of our annual CommUNITY day launch, with poor weather causing the site to be flooded. This event is normally an opportunities for teams to promote activities and engage families directly at the start of the summer.
4. Despite this set back and loss of engagements at CommUNITY day, overall engagement numbers were similar to last year. Demand remained high, and most providers met or exceeded their anticipated numbers, ensuring strong reach into local communities. Around 2,400 children attended across the summer including more than 2000 with SEND. 73% of all attendees were eligible for Free School Meals with most attendees being from Global Majority ethnic groups.
5. Successes included the continued use of Family Hub venues, enabling providers to reduce costs or direct additional funding to provision. Many also commissioned local artists, caterers and organisations, strengthening community ties. Feedback from families has highlighted the importance of varied sports, more performing arts opportunities and tailored activities for older children, which will inform future modelling.
6. Provision continues to support the Council's Food Strategy. 55% of providers involve the children in food preparation and food education was also supported through food themed art projects, interactive games, and cooking workshop. Recipe booklets were distributed to families offering easy, affordable meal ideas and parents reported that children came home more enthusiastic about cooking.
7. The holiday programme continues to be very well received 100% of families said the programme supported their family by easing financial pressure and

80% described noticeable improvements in their child's confidence and social development.

8. Funding for the HAF programme has been announced for the next three years. As well as planning winter delivery, the Council is currently in the process putting in place future coordination arrangements for the programme, building on the current successful model.

## **LIST OF APPENDICES**

### **Appendix A**

H&F Summer in the City 2025 Report