

<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHILDREN AND EDUCATION POLICY & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 June 2016</p>	
<p>SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE PROVISION</p>	
<p>Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification - For Information Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report provides an overview of childcare and other provision available for children and young people in Hammersmith & Fulham. It also outlines plans to improve systems to make information about such provision more accessible to families.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to review and comment upon the contents of this report.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. The local authority is required under the Childcare Act 2006 to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the childcare provision is sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in their area who need childcare in order to take up, or remain in, work, or education or training which might assist them to obtain work.
- 3.2. There is also a duty to establish and maintain a service providing information, advice and assistance for parents regarding the provision of childcare in the area, and any other services, facilities or publications, which may be of benefit to parents, prospective parents, children or young people.
- 3.3. These duties apply to the provision of childcare provision and other services during school holidays.

4. SECURING SUFFICIENT CHILDCARE PROVISION

- 4.1. The Childcare Act and the statutory guidance 'Early Education and Childcare Guidance for local authorities' require the local authority to assess the sufficiency of childcare in the local area at least every three years. The last Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) was carried out in Hammersmith & Fulham in December 2015.
- 4.2. The CSA included some consideration of the number of "provision types by ward" as at September 2015. The data for this was provided by the borough's Early Years team. One type of provision counted was "holiday playschemes". The numbers available in September 2015 were as follows:

Ward	Number of holiday playschemes (September 2015)
Addison	1
Askew	2
Avonmore and Brook Green	1
College Park and Old Oak	2
Fulham Broadway	1
Fulham Reach	1
Hammersmith Broadway	1

Munster	1
North End	1
Palace Riverside	1
Parsons Green and Walham	1
Ravenscourt Park	1
Sands End	0
Shepherds Bush Green	1
Town	1
Wormholt and White City	3

- 4.3. One of the issues identified in the CSA was a need to improve data collection for the number of childcare places that are available for 5-11 year olds, with a focus on Holiday Play schemes, After School Clubs and Breakfast Clubs. There are plans to incorporate details of such provision in future refreshes of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

5. PROVIDING INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

- 5.1. The borough's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information and advice on provision and services for children and young people aged up to 19. This includes council provided services as well as those run by the private, voluntary and independent sectors in the borough. Provision in Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster can also be identified on the site if it is open to Hammersmith and Fulham residents. The service is accessible through the Hammersmith and Fulham website (including an online form through which request information can be requested) where there is a searchable directory containing details of childcare and other services and activities for children and young people. It is also possible to telephone a call centre to obtain additional advice. An important role of the FIS is to make local Ofsted information on childcare and early years education available to people who need it.
- 5.2. Childminders, nurseries, crèches, children's centres, holiday play schemes and activities for children and young people, all might potentially meet childcare needs during school holidays.
- 5.3. On 26 May, the FIS website went live after having been upgraded and improved. The site is linked to the portal for the Special Educational Needs Local Offer which was developed as part of the implementation of the Children and Families Act. It also includes all Ofsted registered provision in the borough, and although this includes registered holiday

provision, at the current time, further work is required to ensure they are identified through relevant searches. In addition, providers have been contacted to update details of what is available for families in the borough other than that which requires Ofsted registration.

- 5.4. There is a plan to expand on the number of provisions recorded on the website including information on schools with holiday play schemes, childminders who look after younger children during holiday times and details of activities for young people promoted by providers who tend to promote these in the run-up to school holidays. These details are planned to be added to the site 2-3 weeks before the start of the holidays.
- 5.5. The FIS website provides detailed information regarding the accessibility of all provision to children who have a range of additional or complex needs or disabilities.
- 5.6. In addition it is understood that a number of schools in the borough provide summer playschemes. However these are not being publicised outside of the individual school community as they are being provided to meet a specific level of need of children on roll at the schools.

6. ADDITIONAL PROVISION

- 6.1. The Summer in the City programme has been running for a number of years and coordinates the wide range of summer events and activities taking place for children, young people and their families in Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. Many of these events are free or low cost and are accessible to residents of all three boroughs.
- 6.2. The 2016 Summer in the City Programme is currently being finalised and is due to be published as a booklet on 20 June 2016. In addition, there will be a website which will be updated with additional activities as they are notified. There will be some overlap between the Summer in the City provision and that listed on the FIS website.
- 6.3. As at 24 May, the following activities and schemes were available (including details of activities based in the borough). All of the activities are listed as being suitable for someone with a disability:

Play Activities (50 activities)

8 based in Hammersmith and Fulham

Age ranges catered for: 0-16 (two for under 5s)

Duration: Throughout the school holidays

Cost: Free or £22-£27 per day depending on type of provision and length of day.

NB one provider is offering over 80 activities in the borough including art, sport, dance and music in venues such as schools, parks, community and sports centres throughout the summer. All of the activities are being advertised as free of charge and some are aimed at children who have disabilities. There are multiple sessions for many of the activities at different times of day and throughout the school holiday period.

Performing arts, media and culture (30 activities)

6 based in Hammersmith and Fulham

Age ranges catered for: 0-16

Duration: 1 day to 1 week

Cost: Free to £100 for 4 days

Family events and days out (48 activities*)

6 based in Hammersmith and Fulham

Age ranges catered for: 0-18

Duration: 1 to 4 days

Cost: Free to £25

*Many are multiple events organised by major museums and Royal Parks

Youth activities (11 activities)

4 based in Hammersmith and Fulham (including National Citizen Service programme)

Age ranges catered for: 7-25

Duration: 5 days to 4 weeks

Cost: £50-£125 (costs for 4 week programme vary – some subsidised costs for activities)

Sport and Leisure (41 activities)

12 based in Hammersmith and Fulham

Age ranges catered for: All

Duration: Up to 9 weeks (sessional)

Cost: Varies, some activities are free

Activities for children and young people with disabilities (10 activities)

3 based in Hammersmith and Fulham

Age ranges catered for: 6-25

Duration: 2-4 weeks

Cost: Free or charged by activity

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1. There is a range of school holiday provision available in the borough over the summer holidays 2016. This includes the ongoing childcare provided by nurseries and childminders for younger children, playschemes provided for schools and specialist schemes for disabled children and a range of activities available for single days, weeks or throughout the summer or young people. Costs vary and there are a number of free activities. Information is available online from a range of sources and the Family Information Service is being developed to provide more comprehensive, easily accessible information about this and other types of childcare. There are also plans to incorporate details of such provision in future refreshes of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

None.