

<b>Meeting Taker:</b>	Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance
<b>Date:</b>	24 May 2024
<b>Report title:</b>	Holiday Activities and Food programme – Summer of Food and Fun 2024 grant recommendations
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>	All
<b>Classification:</b>	Open
<b>Reason for lateness (if applicable):</b>	Not Applicable
<b>From:</b>	Strategic Director of Children and Adult Services

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance approve the allocation of up to £1,080,800 to the delivery of the Summer of Food and Fun Holiday Programme as part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for 2024.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance acknowledges the above allocation includes up to £955,800 to 34 providers (offering 58 programmes) identified for the Summer of Food and Fun Holiday Programme and £125,000 in total to support the providers to make places available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The Department for Education (DfE) has provided grant funding to all English local authorities, including Southwark, to deliver a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme during Easter, summer, and winter holiday periods from Easter 2021 to Winter 2024. The programme is designed to deliver healthy food and enriching activities to local school-aged children eligible for free school meals (FSM). The Southwark holiday programme is known locally as the Food and Fun Programme.
4. The DfE has awarded Southwark Council a £1,477,490 grant to coordinate and deliver the HAF programme over Easter, summer and winter school holidays in the 2024 calendar year.

5. The programme's objectives are for eligible children to:
  - Eat more healthily
  - Be more active during school holidays
  - Take part in engaging and enriching activities
  - Feel safe and not isolated
  - Have greater knowledge of healthy lifestyles and nutrition
  - Be more engaged with school and other support services
  - Have greater knowledge and awareness of holiday programme provision.
  
6. The Department for Education also requires that:
  - Provision is inclusive and accessible
  - Provision is offered to all FSM children in the local authority
  - Ideally provision is offered four hours a day, four days a week, for four weeks in the Summer and for one week at Easter and winter.
  
7. The HAF programme reaches the most vulnerable children in Southwark. Over the winter 2023 programme, 5,816 places out of a total of 7,725 places (75%) were taken up by children eligible for Free School Meals. Of these children, approximately 85% were from black, Asian or ethnic minority groups. The winter 2023 programme provided over 10,000 meals to children.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Summer of Food and Fun overview**

8. The Southwark summer holiday period is from Friday 26 July 2024 – Friday 30 August 2024, just under 5 weeks.
  
9. Most holiday programme places (each place is equivalent to 1 unique child) will be available for the equivalent of at least 4 hours a day, 4 days a week, across 4 weeks of the holiday, as per the DfE gold standard.
  
10. Each Approved Provider has indicated the number of days they can operate over the upcoming summer holiday period and how many places they can provide per day. In Southwark, less programmes operate on Fridays. 26 August 2024 is a Bank Holiday when programmes do not open.
  
11. For summer 2024, the base grant funding level of £24 per child per day is recommended, having taken into consideration (i) staff and food cost pressures (ii) providers feedback (iii) other local authorities' funding allocations, as per Table 1 (iii) the budget remaining from the DfE grant for 2024.

Table 1. South East London HAF Funding Summer 2024

	£ per day (base grant)	Operating period	No of funded days
Southwark	24.00	26 July - 30 August	24
Lambeth	22.00	29 July - 30 August	24
Greenwich	30.00	25 July – 30 August	16
Lewisham	Awaiting confirmation	29 July - 23 August	16
Croydon	25.00-37.50, depending on provider circumstances	22 July - 30 August	16
Newham	22.50 primary 27.04 secondary	22 July - 30 August	16
Bromley	22.50 primary 27.04 secondary	22nd July - 30 August	16

12. The base grant award contributes to the cost of programme staff and administration, healthy meals for participants, resources for programme activities, equipment for sport and play and nutrition classes for children.
13. Based on programme indications and the recommended funding rate, for summer 2024, up to £858,256 of DfE grant funding can be afforded to fund up to 17 working days per programme for all successful HAF provider applicants. Of this, £100,000 will be allocated as a grant to support providers to make places available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
14. An additional £222,544, including £25,000 for SEND provision, would enable the HAF programme and SEND provision to be delivered for up to 24 days, allowing programmes to be delivered across the full Southwark summer holiday period.
15. The 34 providers and 58 programmes recommended for funding are well distributed across the borough, reaching areas of high deprivation and catering to all eligible age groups (see figure 1 and 2 below).
16. In some cases, the total number of places funded for each programme is lower than the places applied for. This reflects attendance at programmes in previous holiday periods at some programmes, to avoid over-funding.

Figure 1: Summer HAF places 26<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 by Age Group

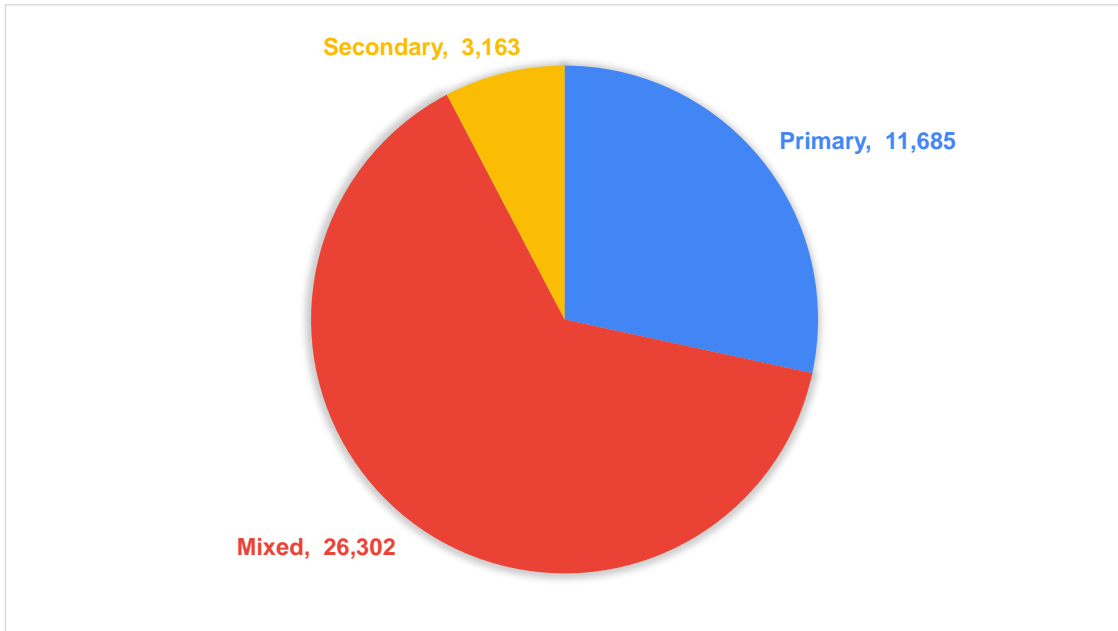
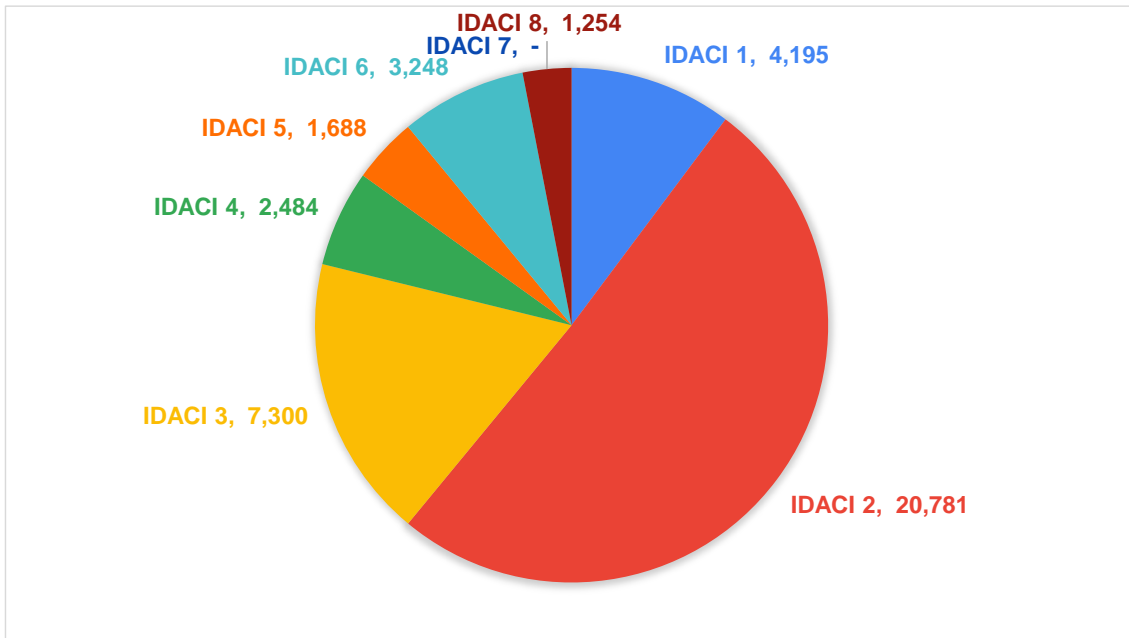
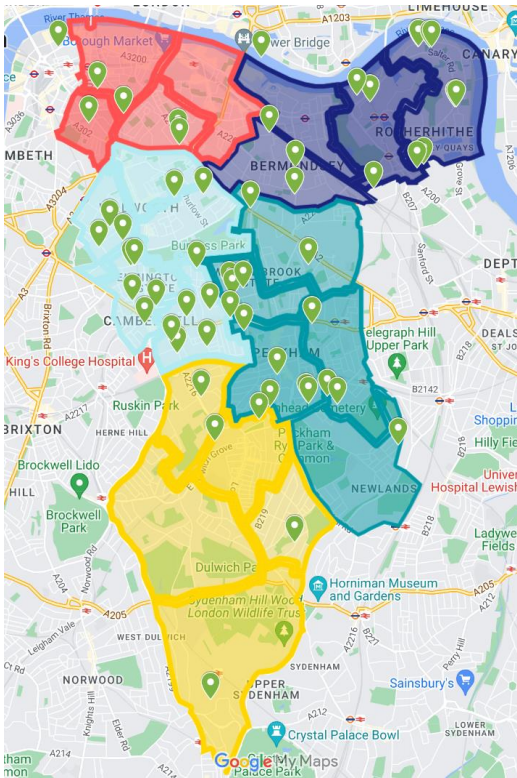


Figure 2: Summer HAF places 26<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 by IDACI Decile



17. For full details of the recommended programme allocations for grant see Appendix 1. A map of the distribution of recommended providers is shown below.

Figure 3: Map of HAF programme locations across Southwark for summer 2024



18. The applications received for the Summer programme from approved providers are summarised in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Number of approved and unapproved applications and estimated number of Summer programme places to be provided

Number of applications to run programmes that meet the criteria and have been recommended for funding	58
Number of applications to run programmes that have not been recommended for funding	9
Total average number of holiday programme places* provided Mon-Thurs, and Friday	1,741 (Mon-Thur) 1,126 (Fri)
Total Places over 5 weeks	38,710
Total FSM pupils in Southwark 4-16 years	14,304

19. To ensure the programme meets the Department for Education standards, Southwark Council will also be directly procuring the following:
  - I. [Take and Make Boxes](#) through Kitchen Social, distributed to children each week. These are healthy recipe-kit boxes that support families to cook nutritious meals together at home, supported with physical recipe cards and online videos.
  - II. Deliveries of fresh fruit from an East Street Market trader to support our providers in offering healthy snacks as part of their programmes.

### **The Approved Provider List overview**

20. The Approved Provider List (APL) was introduced in 2023 to improve quality assurance processes, the experience of funded holiday programme providers the efficiency of funding allocations.
21. To be included on the APL, providers are subject to an application process and quality assurance checks. There are currently 37 organisations on the APL and who were quality assured in 2023. Of these organisations, 56% are black, Asian or minority ethnic led.
22. Holiday providers offer a wide range of inclusive activities across the borough, suited to meet the requirements of and engage children and young people aged from 4-16.
23. Further, 5 teenager-only based programmes have been recommended for funding across the borough to specifically engage with young people aged 12 and above.
24. The majority of providers offer a mix of sports and play, activities which include arts and crafts, mindfulness activities such as yoga and meditation and cooking. A number specialise in the following:
  - mixed sports and physical activities (Activities 4 U, Ballers Academy, Burgess Sports, Dynamic Coaching, Millwall Community Trust, ProTouch SA, and Skyway Charity)
  - supporting children who are struggling with emotional and social difficulties, through nature based residential trips (Free to Be Kids)
  - making technological education accessible to all children, allowing them to develop invaluable STEM skills (Next Thing Education)
  - theatre play for young people transitioning to secondary school (Little Fish Theatre).
25. Once included on the APL, providers are not required to repeat due diligence checks ahead of future HAF funding bids.

26. APL providers are informed of the funding allocation further before the school holidays. Providers on the APL can also access training opportunities and tailored support. Being a member of the APL does not guarantee that an organisation will receive a grant. Only current members of the APL were able to submit bids to run programmes during summer of 2024.

### **Summer of Food and Fun grants: grant criteria and allocation methodology**

27. The second funding round of the Southwark 2024 HAF programme is for the summer holidays. Applications were open to providers on 4th March 2024. Applications were closed on 14th March 2024.
28. The grant criteria are designed to ensure that all providers meet the required standards of both Southwark Council and the Department for Education.
29. Organisations applying for summer grant funding must meet the following general and specific criteria.

#### **General criteria**

- Organisations eligible for funding include registered charities, voluntary, community or faith organisations, companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies, social enterprises, schools, and parent-teacher friends associations. All organisations are required to run a not-for-profit HAF programme.
- Organisations cannot be funded by another local authority to run HAF provision at the same location they are applying for funding from Southwark Council.
- Organisations are based in and/or providing services within the London Borough of Southwark.
- Organisations operate from fit-for-purpose premises and show evidence of ability to adapt services to meet the needs of their clients.
- Organisations have quality assurance measures in place.

#### **Specific criteria**

- The programme will be free of charge for eligible families
- Providers must include the following in their programmes every day:
- Food and nutrition skills aimed at improving knowledge and awareness of healthy eating
- Structured physical activity for at least 60 minutes each day
- Enriching activities which offer children the opportunities to develop new skills or knowledge or have different experiences
- Programmes must be able to provide at least one meal a day and all food provided, inclusive of snacks, must meet National [school food standards](#). Meals provided must be culturally diverse to reflect the

preferences of residents. Providers must be running or linked to an Ofsted-registered child provider if children of 8 years or below are attending (where their parents/carers are not on the premises) for:

- (i) More than 2 hours per session.
- (ii) More than 14 days a year.
- (iii) Unless their programme is exempt and the programme is registered as an activity-based setting offering no more than two types of activities.

### **Cross-programme criteria**

30. The following criteria have been applied when considering funding applications to ensure the Summer of Food and Fun programme as a whole is inclusive and caters to the needs of the borough:

- Sufficient geographical spread: The geographical spread of applicants was checked to ensure all wards within the borough had adequate holiday provision, particularly in areas of higher need in terms of food insecurity and mapped against the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI)
- Focus on 12-16-year-olds: The Summer programme as a whole caters to the full age range stipulated by the Department for Education (4-16-year-old school children). A particular focus has been placed on 12-16-year-olds as previous holiday periods have shown a lack of sufficient provision for and/or engagement with this age group
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) requirements: Sufficient provision is available to support eligible children and young people with SEND requirements
- Delivery is in line with the "gold standard" model: as stipulated by the DfE, programmes can deliver provision a minimum of 4 hours a day and 4 days a week over the Summer Holiday period. According to DfE guidance for local authorities that have a summer holiday that spans 6 full calendar weeks, participating children should be offered face-to-face provision during the summer school holidays, which should be for a minimum of 16 days.

31. To ensure the allocation of funding amongst organisations was fair, the following rules were applied:

- All individual programmes have been recommended funding for a maximum of 24 days over 5 weeks of the summer holiday period



- All individual programmes were capped at 150 places per day per location
  - Programmes and locations that have previously taken part in Southwark's Food and Fun programme were capped to the number of children per day that attended previously as evidenced during quality assurance visits and in monitoring and attendance data from previous programme cycles.
32. Applications were received for 14 new holiday programme locations. Of these, 7 new holiday programme locations were recommended for funding. 7 were not recommended for funding due to:
- Being geographically close to one another. This is to prevent competition between programmes whilst prioritising organisations with experience in running successful Food and Fun holiday programmes
  - Prioritising funding holiday programmes that have provided sufficient evidence of their relationship with the target beneficiaries of the programme
  - Prioritising funding programmes specifically for 12-16 year olds. Engagement with this age group has previously been challenging where programmes have only offered a programme for both younger and older children together. Evidence indicates that programmes for older children only are more attractive to this age group
  - Prioritising funding programmes in areas of high deprivation.

### **SEND funding allocations**

33. 33 out of 34 providers have confirmed that they can make places available for children with SEND needs, meaning 56 out of 58 programmes will support children with SEND needs. The holiday programme team have allocated the remaining grant budget for summer of £125,000 to provide additional funding and support for those who provide places for children with SEND needs.
34. Funding is also recommended for 4 providers (Autism Voice, Angels Breakfast and Afterschool Programme, Ballers Academy, and Spring Community Hub) to run specialised SEND programmes for children and young people who may have complex needs and require specialist support.

35. Once the grant recommendations have been approved and communicated to successful holiday programmes, they will be invited to apply for funding to support children with SEND needs. Applicants will be required to detail:
- The number of individual children they're planning to support
  - Whether the children attend mainstream or specialist schools, alongside a list of the specialist schools
  - The level of SEND needs their programme can cater for, for example, physical access for young people in wheelchairs or providing 1 to 1 or 1 to 2 support for children with more complex needs
  - The benefits their programme will offer children with SEND
  - What the funding will be used for? For example, to hire specialist staff with appropriate experience and qualifications or specialist equipment such as sensory activities or software to help with engagement.
36. This budget will be awarded based on the applications made and previous programme delivery. Programme registration and attendance data and evidence of SEND-specific expenditure are required for providers to receive the full awarded grant, which is an addition to the base grant funding awarded per child. This funding will be used to support SEND children to access the programme by enabling providers to pay for support workers and specialist equipment. The HAF team will verify the details of children eligible for additional SEND funding with the relevant team in Southwark Council.

### **Conditions of Grant Funding**

37. Organisations awarded grant funding are subject to monitoring through the council's Conditions of Grant Funding (COGF). Schedules to these cover the key areas of governance and employment; finance; employment practices and monitoring and information. In addition to a requirement to comply with these conditions, organisations are subject to an annual monitoring visit, and the monitoring framework includes a monitoring checklist, which assesses each of the areas covered within the COGF as well as service delivery.
38. Where any significant issues are identified during monitoring which could give rise to a breach in the COGF, the council will write to the relevant organisation and set out what action needs to be taken. In such cases, they will be advised that the funding continuation be subject to their taking the necessary remedial action to address concerns. Failure to do so may result in the council taking the appropriate action to terminate the funding by way of a further report.

## **Policy framework implications**

39. The Food and Fun holiday programme directly contributes to Southwark Council's Delivery Plan themes of tackling health inequalities and ensuring all children have the best start in life by providing children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with nutritious meals and a safe and enriching environment during the school holidays.

## **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

### **Community impact statement**

40. The Food and Fun holiday programme intends to provide targeted support to children, young people and families vulnerable to food insecurity to access nutritious food and enriching activities over the school holidays in 2024.
41. The 2019 Survey for Londoners highlighted the stark issue of food insecurity in Southwark. 23.5% of people over 16 years and 25.8% of children surveyed were food insecure, equating to approximately 75,000 residents over 16 years and over 15,000 Southwark children. Food insecurity for both adults and children is worse in Southwark than the London average (21% for adults and 17.5% for children).
42. The pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis further exacerbated the issue of food insecurity across the country. The Food Foundation's most recent data published in March 2021 highlighted that 41% of households with children on free school meals reported experiencing food insecurity in the last 6 months, equating to four million people including 2.3 million children. Black and mixed-ethnicity households with children continue to experience higher levels of food insecurity than their white counterparts.
43. The school holidays can be a pressure point for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced household incomes. This can result in children from low-income families being less likely to access organised out-of-school activities, and more likely to experience poorer nutrition and physical health and to experience social isolation. The impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis is likely to have increased the need for this provision, with more families experiencing reduced household incomes and increased food insecurity.
44. The Food and Fun programme intends to benefit a cohort of Southwark's most vulnerable children and young people, contributing to the reduction of health inequalities over the long term. A joint Equalities and Health Impact Assessment was completed for the holiday programme. This assessment demonstrates that the holiday programme shows no potential for discrimination and the holiday programme team has taken appropriate steps to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between the council, providers and residents accessing the programme with different protected characteristics.

45. The application for joining the Approved Providers List (APL) for the Food and Fun holiday programme was advertised widely, including amongst local VCS organisations, schools, faith groups and childcare providers.
46. As part of the APL application scoring process, points were awarded to grassroots organisations founded in areas where target beneficiaries are based. By supporting local organisations, this programme supports Southwark's economy as many funded organisations employ residents with local knowledge and lived experiences.
47. The holiday programme team have worked with local food businesses to create a list of approved meal suppliers to signpost holiday programmes without cooking facilities so that they can supply meals that meet school food standards. These suppliers cater to a variety of cultural and religious needs. The fresh fruit supplier for the holiday programme is an East Street Market Trader who lives and employs locally. This collaboration with local businesses supports the local economy and improves cohesion within the local community.

#### **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

48. The Joint Equalities and Health Impact Assessment was undertaken to assess the need for the provision to be delivered as part of the Food and Fun holiday programme and the cohort of children and families who would be most likely to benefit from it. The holiday programme is anticipated to have positive impacts on all children, young people and families that it reaches.
49. As illustrated in the Joint Equalities and Health Impact Assessment, particular groups are more likely to experience food insecurity and health inequalities than others. For example, children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) needs are more likely to be eligible for free school meals and thus be at a greater risk of food insecurity than other students. Alongside this, in 2019 a higher proportion of black residents were vulnerable to food insecurity compared to white residents.
50. The Food and Fun programme specifically targets families vulnerable to food insecurity in Southwark by funding programmes across the borough with a focus on areas with higher levels of deprivation, as well as programmes that deliver SEND provision. These areas of high socio-economic disadvantage also have a higher concentration of black residents. It is anticipated that the programme will continue to have a positive impact on this community as evidence suggests a higher proportion of children and young people of black ethnicity will be eligible for the programme and the programme locations have been mapped to ensure they are in areas of high deprivation. The Holiday Programme team works with the wider Public Health team to advertise the programme directly to asylum seekers and refugee families based in temporary accommodation who may not otherwise be reached by this programme.

51. To ensure the holiday programme is an attractive offer to the diversity of prospective participants, a variety of holiday programmes have been recommended for funding including sports programmes, religious groups and camps offering Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) activities and arts and crafts. All holiday programmes are supported to serve food that is culturally varied and takes into consideration religious preferences.

### **Health impact statement**

52. As described in the Joint Equalities and Health Impact Assessment (2022), the Food and Fun holiday programme is anticipated to have positive health impacts on all children, young people and families that it reaches. Providing nutritional education to participants and their families and recipe boxes to children who attend the programme helps improve the food security of Southwark residents. The recipes in these boxes are healthy, low cost and simple to make to encourage families to cook healthy meals, which will ultimately improve their health and wellbeing.

### **Further guidance**

53. Not applicable.

### **Climate change implications**

54. To reduce the impact the delivery of the programme has on the environment and climate change, the Take and Make recipe boxes and fresh fruit will be delivered in bulk to the holiday programmes rather than across multiple days. The Holiday Programme team will be looking to ensure that delivery vehicles used to deliver any food to the holiday programmes are low or zero-emission.
55. The Take and Make Recipe Boxes contain exclusively vegetarian recipes, which supports the children and families attending the Food and Fun holiday programme to learn to cook, taste and enjoy meat-free meals. Holiday programmes cooking their meals for the programme are also trained on how to create a more environmentally sustainable menu with more plant-based options. This will contribute to a shift in mindset around vegetarian and vegan meals, which may encourage families to eat meat-free options more often. This has benefits for sustainability as meat consumption contributes significantly to the climate emergency.

56. Kitchen Social (the Take and Make recipe box supplier) incorporated education around sustainability into their recipe videos and added information about sustainability into their recipe cards. This helps encourage conversations around eating an environmentally sustainable diet, which ties into the training new and existing holiday programmes receive about adjusting the food served during the programme to benefit the environment.

### Resource implications

57. The organisations receiving grant funding will be monitored and managed by the Holiday Provision Programme Officer.
58. Each holiday programme will be subject to a quality assurance visit to assess compliance with the programme and to support providers with any issues identified. They must also submit monitoring and evaluation data, which will be utilised to inform future commissioning strategies.

### Financial implications

59. Southwark Council has been allocated a £1,477,490 grant from the DfE to coordinate and deliver the HAF programme.
60. As per the DfE grant conditions of funding, the grant must be spent over Easter, summer and winter school holidays in the 2024 calendar year and spending is reported to the DfE after each holiday period. Where Southwark Council has not spent its maximum allocation by March 2025, the DfE will recoup any funding which has not been spent.

Table 3: Allocation of grant funds between each holiday period in 2024.

<b>Easter (Actual DfE grant spend)</b>	<b>Summer (Estimated DfE grant spend)</b>	<b>Winter (Estimated DfE grant to allocate)</b>	<b>Total DfE Budget 2024</b>
£250,773*	£1,082,708*	£144,009*	£1,477,490

\*figures inclusive of grant fund allocations to providers and SEND provision and programme overheads.

61. In 2024, a total of £858,256 of DfE funding can be afforded to deliver the summer programme for up to 17 out of 24 days of the summer holidays. This allows the programme to be delivered in line with DfE guidelines, for the same number of days as neighbouring boroughs and for enough funds to remain for the winter programme delivery.

62. Of this, £100,000 will be allocated as a grant to support providers to make places available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
63. As such, to deliver the summer programme for an additional 7 days and provide a programme for the full summer holiday period of up to 24 days, a total of £222,544 of Public Health Grant will be utilised. This includes £197,544 to fund programme provision for up to 7 more days and an additional £25,000 to support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities for up to 7 more days.
64. Table 4 below indicates how the total allocation of £1,080,800 for the delivery of a 24 day Summer of Food and Fun Holiday Programme is funded by DfE and Public Health Grants, and includes up to £955,800 to 34 providers (offering 58 programmes) identified for the programme and £125,000 in total to support the providers to make places available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Table 4: Summary of DfE and Public Health grant fund spend combined

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Funding source</b>
To fund programme provision for 17 days out of the 24 day summer holiday	£758,256	DfE grant fund
To fund programme provision for an additional 7 days of the summer holiday (total 24 days)	£197,544	Public Health Grant
<b>24 day programme provision total</b>	<b>£955,800</b>	<b>DfE and Public Health Grants</b>
To fund SEND provision for 17 days out of a 24 day summer holiday	£100,000	DfE grant fund
To fund SEND provision for an additional 7 days of the summer holiday	£25,000	Public Health Grant
<b>24 day SEND fund total</b>	<b>£125,000</b>	<b>DfE and Public Health Grants</b>
<b>Overall total allocation</b>	<b>£1,080,800</b>	<b>DfE and Public Health Grants</b>

### Legal implications

65. Please see the concurrent from the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Assurance).

## **Consultation**

66. Throughout Southwark's Food and Fun programme, which began in the summer of 2020, the HAF team have engaged with various stakeholders to understand their experience of the holiday programme and to identify areas for improvement in the future.
67. Stakeholders consulted included holiday programme providers, preprepared meal suppliers, children and families, the holiday provision coordinators, other local authorities running HAF programmes and the Southwark Holiday Provision Network. This network includes providers and staff from relevant council departments who are involved in supporting holiday provision including colleagues working to improve access to cultural food in the borough.
68. Feedback and insights gained from previous programmes have directly influenced planning for the 2024 programme. The Holiday Provision Network continues to meet and will be consulted throughout the year.
69. Between 2022 and 2023, the PHIRST Fusion research team worked with the council to evaluate the council's holiday programme and sought the views of families on the acceptability, reach, and benefits of this programme to families and children in the borough. In 2023, the council began implementing the recommendations.
70. There is a cross-council working group that shapes and informs the HAF programme development which includes Public Health, Education, Children's Services, Youth Services, Leisure and Communications.
71. Funded holiday providers are also invited to share the impact of this programme on their communities and the challenges faced by their organisations and service users so that the programme team can be receptive to these needs when planning future holiday cycles.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Head of Procurement**

72. Not applicable as this report relates to a grant fund and is not in relation to procurement of a contract.

### **Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance REF: (SB290424)**

73. This report seeks approval to allocate funding to 34 providers identified for the Summer of Food and Fun Holiday Programme as part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for 2024. The funding has been allocated by the Department for Education (DfE) and includes funding for SEND provision. Each recipient provider is on the council's Approved Provider List which was established in 2023.



74. Paragraphs 29 and 30 note the DfE and council criteria that applicant organisations are required to satisfy and the factors that have been taken into account to ensure that the local allocation is fair and reasonable, both in its inclusivity and geographical reach. The report also confirms that a robust and transparent process for inviting and evaluating funding applications has been followed and that this has been informed both by a consultation exercise and by the Joint Equalities and Health Impact Assessment which has been undertaken to assess the need for the provision to be delivered in this programme and the cohort of children and families who would be most likely to benefit from the programme.
75. The report also notes that recipients of the grant awards will be required to observe and comply with the council's conditions of grant funding and will be monitored to ensure appropriate service delivery and value. Paragraphs 56 and 57 describe how the programme will be kept under regular review and consultation to assess its impact and determine how it can be improved and developed.
76. The decision to approve the recommendations in this report is expressly reserved to the Cabinet Member under Part 3D of the Council Constitution.

**Strategic Director, Finance REF: (01-PHAM2024-25)**

77. The Strategic Director of Finance notes the recommendations set out in this report seeking approval for the allocation of £758,256 to 34 providers identified for the Summer of Food and Fun Holiday Programme as part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for 2024.
78. The Strategic Director of Finance notes the £100,000 of the DfE grant for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to make more places available.
79. The Strategic Director of Finance notes the additional days being funded from the Public Health grant.
80. There is sufficient budget within the allocated available DfE grant of £1,477,490 to fund the programme and the Public Health grant.

**Other officers**

81. Not applicable.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<p>Department for Education. Section 31 Grant Determination for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2023: No 31/6391 Link: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme">www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme</a></p>	<p>Children and Adult Services, Public Health Directorate, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Anita Sewornu 07749585561</p>
<p>Department for Education. Holiday Activities Food programme Guidance 2023 Link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2023">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2023</a></p>	<p>Children and Adult Services, Public Health Directorate, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Anita Sewornu 07749585561</p>
<p>Southwark Council. Fairer, Greener, Safer Delivery Plan 2022-2026 Link: <a href="https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/159320/DRAFT-CDP-Design-October-2022.pdf">https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/159320/DRAFT-CDP-Design-October-2022.pdf</a></p>	<p>Children and Adult Services, Public Health Directorate, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Anita Sewornu 07749585561</p>
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## APPENDICES

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Appendix 1	Summer of Food and Fun 2024 recommended grant allocations

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