
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	7 November 2023
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Subject:	Summer Holiday Provision for Children and Young People		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide committee with information of the provision of services and activities that supported children and young people during the school summer holiday period 2023.

1.3 The range of services included in this report were delivered using a range of local and national funding opportunities and were delivered by both public, third and private sector organisations in Inverclyde and include:

- Affordable Holiday Childcare in Newark Primary School;
- summer playschemes;
- youth work provision;
- Active Schools provision;
- Pictures in the Park;
- home-school link transitions programme; and
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education and Communities Committee notes the provision of local services delivered to children and young people during the Summer 2023.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Inverclyde Council and local partners worked together to provide local services to support children and young people during the summer holiday period 2023. This collaborative approach to summer holiday provision built on the success of previous holiday provision to ensure children and young people had a choice of activities to engage, play and learn during the summer.

4.0 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION

4.1 Early Adopter Community - Affordable Out of School Childcare

In October 2022 Inverclyde Council were awarded Early Adopter Status for Affordable Out of School Childcare, this whole-systems service started in January 2023 with after school care in the Port Glasgow locality. The after-school care was extended to include affordable holiday care targeting families living on a low income and more likely to be living in poverty. Before and After School Kilmacolm (BASK) were commissioned to deliver the holiday childcare service 5 days a week for 4 weeks and were supported by the service.

This service was free and accessible to families living in the Port Glasgow area who are living on a low income and/or who meet at least one of the Child Poverty priority groups. Parents were invited to apply for a place for their children prior to the school holiday period starting. The provision supported up to 40 children per day. The service was offered to a total of 43 families, (51 children) on various days throughout the 4-week period. The number of children attending ranged from 20 - 31 daily, the age range was children from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Families who lived further than one mile from Newark Primary School were offered transport to the service. 6 children accessed the transport service. Lunch, drinks, and snacks were offered to the children throughout the day. Surplus food was offered to families to take home for dinner.

4.2 Summer Playschemes

Inverclyde Council commissioned Inverclyde Leisure to provide 7 playschemes for four weeks of the school summer holiday period. These playschemes were provided from the following primary schools: Kilmacolm, St Michael's, St Patrick's, Moorfoot, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. Auchmountain Community Centre was the venue for provision in Greenock East locality.

Inverclyde Leisure provided the playschemes from 3 July until 28 July 2023 and Inverclyde Council provided additional funding through its Anti-poverty fund to ensure the service was free of charge for all children who attended the playschemes. Inverclyde Leisure reported more than 2000 attendees with the service being accessed around 8000 times over the 4 week period. Moorfoot Primary School was the most popular location accessed followed by St Michael's Primary School, the least used facility was Auchmountain Community Centre followed by Wemyss Bay Primary School. The average age of the children and young people that attended the playscheme service during the holiday period was 8 years old.

4.3 Youth Work Services

CLD Youth Services developed and offered a summer holiday programme for young people in Inverclyde between the ages of 12 and 18. The summer programme provided free opportunities

for young people to engage in various learning and development activities, and positively engage with their peers and youth workers.

CLD Youth Services delivered the summer programme in partnership with Active Schools, Albatross Arts, and Action for Children. The activities on offer were a combination of multi activity sessions, drop-in youth clubs, activity days, and trips and excursions. These opportunities were advertised across our social media, leaflets distributed via schools and our partner organisations, and our Class4Kids booking system. In total, we had 690 engagements with young people across Inverclyde, with 66% of young people coming from SIMD 1&2 postcodes. 99.4% of young people reported that they felt safe taking part in the summer programme, 96.5% felt included, and 98.8% reported that they had fun.

In addition to the core summer programme, 17 detached youth work sessions and 5 outreach 'pop up' events were delivered offering young people access to learning and development opportunities including sports, arts, and information, advice, and guidance delivered in locations such as Darroch Park, Battery Park, Tesco Greenock, and Coronation Park. There were 479 engagements with young people through this provision.

4.4 Active Schools and Sports Development

Active Schools delivered 18 free camps (60 sessions) as part of the summer holiday programme, offering access to activities such as netball, sports leadership, outdoor learning, ice skating, and multi-sport.

Activities were offered through Sport4all which is targeted at children and young people who have additional support needs. Proud2BActive targeted at care experienced children and young people as well as our transitions programme which engages young people moving into S1.

Active schools worked with a range of partners including CLD Youth Work Services, the Ranger Service, HSCP, Inverclyde Leisure, and Home School Link Workers to offer a diverse range of opportunities to children and young people. In addition, partnership working with Morton in the Community and Inverclyde Athletics Club provided free spaces to paid programmes targeted at families who experience barriers due to the impact of poverty.

There were 859 engagements with children and young people from P1-S4 during the summer programme which is an increase from 776 in 2022. The majority of children and young people participating in the summer programme reported that they felt safe, included, and had fun.

4.5 Pictures in the Park

The Council, in partnership with Inverclyde Leisure, organised 4 days of open-air screenings at Battery Park in Greenock over the course of Saturday and Sunday attracting almost 1,500 people. The films shown were chosen through the results of a survey of communities in Inverclyde.

4.6 Duke of Edinburgh Award – Summer Expedition

The DofE Award in Inverclyde provides outdoor experiences for young people of all backgrounds. It offers a personalized program of activities that includes physical recreation, skills, expedition, volunteering, and residential (Gold only). The program is designed to empower young people and help them achieve their full potential. over 200 young people from Inverclyde secondary schools completed their DofE expeditions CLD, supported by the Inverclyde Voluntary Support Group, provided 31 Bronze expeditions, 6 Silver expeditions, and 5 Gold expeditions, allowing over 1200 outdoor experiences for young people.

4.7 Home School Link Summer Transitions Programme

This programme provides summer holiday support to young people requiring an enhanced transition support has been developing with the home school link service over several years with a stronger focus since the covid 19 pandemic.

The two secondary schools that provided the enhanced transitions programme during the summer holiday period 2023 were Inverclyde Academy and Port Glasgow High School with 73 children referred There are plans in place to replicate this service to include the remaining secondary schools with the same enhanced transitions programme in future years.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		x
Legal/Risk		x
Human Resources		x
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		x
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		x
Environmental & Sustainability		x
Data Protection		x

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 Legal/Risk

N/A

5.4 Human Resources

N/A

5.5 Strategic

The service provision outlined in this report help to deliver Council Plan Theme 1.

5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

(c) Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

5.7 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.8 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A