



**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE - 6 JUNE 2023**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT  
2022-23**

**REPORT OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with an overview of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme annual report 2022.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

2. The HAF programme aligns to the Staying Healthy, Safe and Well commitment of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan and Priority 5, Ensuring Good Physical and Mental Health, of the Children and Families Partnership Plan 2021-23.

**Background**

3. HAF is a national programme that supports school age children and young people receiving free school meals. Each local authority receives funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver the HAF programme which provides eligible children with free access to holiday activities and a meal during Easter, summer, and winter school holidays. HAF aims to improve outcomes for these children by offering healthy food, and opportunities to participate a range of activities during the school holidays.
4. HAF programme funding is primarily for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals. Local authorities are asked to ensure that the offer of free holiday club provision is available for all children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in their area. Leicestershire County Council was allocated £1,508,610 HAF funding for 2022-23.
5. The annual report provides an overview of programme spend and delivery activity and identifies areas for development for 2023-4.

**Resource Implications**

6. None

**Conclusions**

7. Members are asked to note the content of the HAF annual report.

**Background papers**

8. None

**Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

9. None

**Equality Implications**

10. There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

**Human Rights Implications**

11. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

**Appendix**

12. Holiday Activities and Food Programme Annual Report 2022-23

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