



Subject:	Summer Schemes – Additional Needs
Date:	21 February 2025
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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on a proposal for funding which was agreed at the People and Communities Committee meeting held on 4th February 2025 relating to summer schemes for children with additional needs

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a request from People and Communities committee to agree to provide an amount of £20,000 funding for summer schemes for children with additional needs. • If the funding is approved, an amount of £5,000 to be allocated to north, south, east and west Belfast.
3.0	Main Report
	<p>Background</p> <p>3.1 Strategic Policy and Resources committee of 22 March 2024 agreed to provide City and Neighbourhood Services Department with an additional amount of £80,000 to deliver a pilot project to support summer schemes for children with additional needs. Following successful delivery of the pilot in 2024 an amount of £80,000 is allocated within the Departmental estimates to deliver the programme in 2025.</p> <p>3.2 At the 4 February 2025 People and Communities committee, members agreed an allocation model of £20,000 per area, north, south, east and west, and eligibility criteria. Members further agreed that a report be presented to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee seeking an additional amount of £20,000 to extend the impact of the scheme.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.3 An allocation of £80,000 is included within the 2025/2026 Departmental estimates for delivery of funding to summer schemes for children with additional needs. Agreeing this report will provide an additional £20,000 to City and Neighbourhood Services budgets to extend delivery.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.4 This report proposes extending funding schemes which are designed to support improved outcomes for under-represented groups, specifically children with additional needs.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Summer Scheme Guidance Notes