

<b>Subject:</b>	Holiday Hunger Pilot Project Report	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Report of:</b>	Locality Manager, Communities Team	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Communities and Customers/ Corporate Services
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	Yes/No	Attached: Yes/No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	Yes/No	Attached: Yes/No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the report on the Holiday Hunger pilot project.

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To update members on the holiday hunger pilot project.

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:  
**A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report that directly impact upon the Council.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The pilot holiday hunger project focused on working with 6 primary schools in Rossendale to provide lunchtime food during the 6 week school summer holiday, when many families whose children receive free school meals during term time find it difficult to provide food for their children.

5.2 The project arose from the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group. A report from the Task and Finish Group was presented to Overview and Scrutiny in June 2019.

5.3 A report on the holiday hunger pilot project, including an evaluation, is included at Appendix 1.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 Financial matters are noted in the report.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 All relevant comments are contained in the body of the report.

## 8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 8.1 An EIA initial assessment has been undertaken on the pilot project and it has been identified there is no disproportional impact and a Full EIA is not required.
- 8.2 As detailed in the report at Appendix 1, the holiday hunger pilot project was developed through the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group, and in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
- 8.3 Consultation with schools took place as part of the development of the project, and many other community and voluntary groups were involved in the development and delivery of the project. Feedback has been collected from families involved in the project, as well as the schools and community groups supporting delivery. This is summarised in the report at Appendix 1.

## 9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The Holiday Hunger pilot project was a success and provided vital support for many families who would otherwise have struggled to provide food or activities for their children over the school summer holidays. It was put together at short notice and Rossendale Council is very grateful to the many volunteers and community groups who helped to make it happen and to the people who donated food and provided funding.
- 9.2 Feedback has been collected from parents, volunteers, schools etc. and the project evaluated to inform any future provision.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Overview and Scrutiny Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Report June 2019	<a href="https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1158/overview_and_scrutiny_committee">https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/1158/overview_and_scrutiny_committee</a>
Primary Schools Summer Holiday Food Pilot Project 2019 Report	Appendix 1
Initial Equality Impact Assessment	Appendix 2