

<b>Subject:</b>	Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group Report	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Overview & Scrutiny	<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
<b>Report of:</b>	Councillor Janice Johnson, Chair of O&S Committee	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Corporate Services/ Communities and Customers
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required: No	Attached:	No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required: No	Attached:	No
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<b>1.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the work carried out by the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group.
1.2	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requests an update on the pilot scheme at a future committee.

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To inform members of the work carried out by the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group.

**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, however there is a risk that inaction could result in failure to achieve the corporate priority 'a proud healthy and vibrant Rossendale'.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group was established and carried out work to investigate holiday hunger in terms of school children in Rossendale. Data was gathered based on recipients of pupil premium and those schools were invited to a meeting, along with other relevant agencies.

5.2 The Scrutiny in a Day method was utilised for this Task and Finish Group and a very productive discussion was held. The recommendations were as follows:-

1. That a pilot scheme is established within schools and the community network to look at a constant source of fresh food available to those who require it.
2. This scheme will address the immediate issue of hunger and once established, address hunger during the longer six-week holidays.
3. That although the council is not responsible for this service, it is agreed that officers are able to provide co-ordinating assistance to enable the schools and networks to work together.

- 5.3 Following the Scrutiny Day work has been ongoing to establish the need within the Borough. The Director of Communities and the 2018/19 Chair of O&S attended a head-teacher's meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and outlined the recommendations. 15 schools indicated that there was a need in their area and that they were interested in the project. 6 schools have been selected, based on the pupil premium figures.
- 5.4 Further meetings continue to take place with the Communities Team, community networks, providers and volunteers to establish what can be put in place.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 Any financial implications arising will be contained within existing budget resources.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 Any legal implications are covered in the body of the report.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Corporate Management Team Response

Under the new procedures for Task and Finish Group reports, the report was taken to Corporate Management Team on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Management Team responded as follows:-

*Corporate Management Team fully supports and endorses the recommendation.*

8.2 Cabinet Response

Under the new reporting procedures, the Cabinet were asked to provide their response to the report and recommendations.

Councillor Ashworth, the Portfolio Holder at the time the report was written has responded:  
*A complex problem and we are probably only scratching the surface*

The report was emailed to Cabinet members and they were asked to provide a collective response. The response was provided as follows:-  
*We endorse the recommendations and thank the Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group for their work.*

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The task and finish group's work is now concluded, however updates will be requested to monitor the pilot scheme and its implementation.

Background Papers

Document	Place of Inspection
Holiday Hunger Task and Finish Group Report	Appendix 1