

## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North East Area Council**

**Report of the Area Manager**

**Agenda Item 8**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

### **Healthy Holidays Report**

#### **1. Introduction**

The North East Area Team have worked with the local providers in the area to look at community projects that will deliver locally based activities to vulnerable families across the deprived communities of the North East Area Council, whilst still adhering to the Government's guidelines.

The North East Area Council has been successful in obtaining £14,000, which is partially funded from Fare Share and the remainder from the Public Health grant in Healthier Communities. This will help to support vulnerable children to have access to food, fun activities and learning and support for families, over the summer. Funding towards sanitiser and anti-bacterial wipes will be provided at all the activities.

#### **2. Healthy Holidays**

The following activities will be provided:

##### **The Family Centre**

The Family Centre the money will deliver 10 sessions for 10 people outside and will include a packed lunch in each of the four Wards – 40 meals per session. The sessions would include things that can be facilitated through social distancing such as a Nature Walk, Treasure Hunt and Movies Outdoors. Additionally, the Healthy Food programme at the Family Centre is proving very successful and a further 10 vulnerable families will benefit from the use of a slow cooker and healthy ingredients on a weekly basis ((making the total number of families supported 40).

##### **North East Team - Breakfast Bags**

The North East Team will provide Breakfast Bags for vulnerable families who are referred through their existing networks of community groups, youth groups, food banks and Churches, and partner organisations. The Breakfast Bag will contain cereals, crumpets, jam, margarine, tea, items of fruit. They will also contain an activity pack containing an activity booklet and crayons.

##### **Ad Astra**

Ad Astra in Royston would deliver four weekly sessions which will include various social distancing activities such as a litter pick, a community picnic, and making bird feeders. This will include bags with food boxes and different craft activities for 30

young people and their parents and carers (in total) and a fun competition each week.

### **Exodus**

Exodus will deliver some social distancing day camps for 10 young people per camp from Cudworth and Brierley at their base at South Hiendley. The four-weekly sessions will include a healthy eating packed lunch, arts and crafts, pond dipping and games and sport competitions.

### **Grimethorpe Activity Zone**

GAZ will have small groups by invitation for 5 weekly sessions of 8 young people to include arts and crafts, competitions, table tennis, healthy packed lunch and computer and music games.

### **Great Houghton Youth Group**

Great Houghton Youth Group will have small group sessions of 8 young people who will continue to take part in intergenerational activities at 4 weekly sessions over the summer holidays. This will include letter writing to elderly people who are self-isolating, drawing them pictures, baking, arts and crafts activities, and the provision of healthy lunch packs for the young people.

## **3. Recommendations**

That the Members note this report.

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