

Chief Officer Decision

TITLE	Holiday Hunger Support
DATE OF DECISION	27 th October 2020
DECISION TAKER	Cath Shaw, Deputy Chief Executive
SUMMARY OF THE DECISION	Approval to award £50,000 funding to the Young Barnet Foundation <i>Space2Grow: School Holiday Food Grant Fund</i> .
DECISION	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic has brought with it an increase in uncertainty for some families, including food security. Barnet Council is committed to helping residents through this difficult time.</p> <p>This report records the decision to award £50,000 funding to the <i>Space2Grow: School Holiday Food Grant Fund</i> set up by Young Barnet Foundation in partnership with the council.</p> <p>Young Barnet Foundation have set up the fund to provide grant funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support holiday hunger schemes, - Cover the food costs of activity schemes feeding young people in need over half term - Support other statutory and voluntary organisations to tackle holiday hunger. <p>The Council has worked with Young Barnet Foundation to establish the <i>Space2Grow: School Holiday Food Grant Fund</i>. The Local Government Act 2000 provides the Council with the authority to exercise its wellbeing powers to support the Young Barnet Foundation in establishing this initiative. The Fund will provide funding of £3 per child fed per day to holiday hunger programmes and youth activity schemes providing lunches to children in need. At their discretion, Young Barnet Foundation may also award funding to other appropriate statutory and voluntary groups to tackle holiday hunger. This funding covers the whole borough; however, the expectation is that in areas with higher levels of deprivation the take up of this grant will be greater.</p> <p>The £50k grant to the <i>Space2Grow: School Holiday Food Grant Fund</i> will be sourced from the £365k Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant awarded to LBB in July 2020 and paid via the G&CS Covid 19 cost-code (11723). The</p>

	<p>terms and conditions of the grant can be found via this link: Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant. An internal re-charge to the grant will subsequently be actioned, in order to refund 11723.</p> <p>Section 9.2 (i) (a) of the constitution gives Chief Officers authority to make decisions and approve expenditure relating to their functions and the functions of their Department ... providing (1) that the sum expended is within the approved budget for the Department and/or relevant portfolio, and (2) the amount in relation to any single matter does not exceed £189,330.</p> <p>In taking this decision I have consulted the Chairman of the Policy and Resource Committee, the Chief Executive and the Executive Director for Children's and Family Services.</p>
AUDIT TRAIL OF DECISION	The Executive Assistants Team Team, who support the Council's Chief Officers, will keep an audit trail of this decision [ADD FILE LOCATION].

DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision-making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations.

I authorise the above decision:

Signed	<u>Cath Shaw</u>
Designation	<u>Deputy Chief Executive</u>
Date	<u>27th October 2020</u>