

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

This is a record of a decision taken by an officer under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

**SUMMER OF PLAY WITH ALIVE WEST NORFOLK**

**Delegated Power**

Specify the particular delegated power being exercised by reference to the Delegation Scheme or Cabinet minute and date.

Council Constitution. Part 3 Responsibilities for Council Functions. Section 2 Functions Delegated to Cabinet Members and Officers – Scheme of Delegation, Functions:

7.12 – Health improvement and promotion including public health and community care and LILY

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for People and Communities: day to day management

**Decision Taken**

Specify precise details of the decision taken

In 2021 when the country was emerging from lockdown due to covid19, the council, working with Alive West Norfolk, introduced the 'Summer of Play' initiative with Alive West Norfolk. The council provided funding to reduce the cost of activities, such as swimming, soft play and skating for children and young people. The initiative was very successful with high levels of participation.

Due to ongoing pressure on low-income families with the cost of living and fuel increases, the council will once again provide funding of £40,000 to Alive West Norfolk to help and support the residents and visitors to west Norfolk by providing fun, low- cost activities throughout the summer.

The £40,000 funding will be taken from reserves, funded from money budgeted in 2021 not being required and returned to reserves.

**Reasons for the Decision**

Specify all reasons for taking the decision

The covid-19 pandemic placed the health inequalities in west Norfolk into focus. Exercise and active play are essential for physical and mental well-being and can help prevent a range of conditions linked to poor physical and mental health. The council has a corporate priority of 'Helping to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities' and this initiative will ensure that play and exercise are accessible to all young people and families and participation in sport and physical exercise is not impeded by finances, at a time where many families are experiencing financial hardship due to increasing food prices, fuel costs and a high rate of inflation.

The fun sessions on offer will cost just £1, reduced to 50p for those with an Alive Card Concession.

The initiative also meets the corporate objective of 'Improving social mobility and inclusion' by encouraging children and young people from all areas of the borough to participate in subsidised play, sports, and exercise. The sessions will be available in King's Lynn, Hunstanton and Downham Market.

**Options considered**

**Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests.**

**List of Background papers**

**Authorisation**

Post Held Chief Executive

Signature



Date 18 May 2022

**Consultation with members/officers**

**If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:**

**Signed by Member as consulted:**

Date

# Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of  
**King's Lynn &  
West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function		Summer of Play				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?		<b>New</b> / Existing (delete as appropriate)				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened.  Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations		Provide funding to Alive West Norfolk to support a 'Summer of Play' initiative to provide sports and fun sessions to children and young people at highly reduced cost over the summer. This will encourage people to take part in the activities, ensuring that financial difficulties do not preclude anyone from taking part.				
<b>Question</b>		<b>Answer</b>				
<p><b>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</b></p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>			Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
		Age	x			
		Disability	x			
		Gender			x	
		Gender Re-assignment			x	
		Marriage/civil partnership			x	
		Pregnancy & maternity			x	
		Race			x	
		Religion or belief			x	
		Sexual orientation			x	
Other (eg low income)	x					
<b>Question</b>		<b>Answer</b>	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?</b>		Yes / <b>No</b>				
<b>3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?</b>		Yes / <b>No</b>				
<b>4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?</b>		Yes / <b>No</b>				
<p><b>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions?</b> If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>		Yes / No	<b>Actions:</b>			
			<b>Actions agreed by EWG member:</b> <b>Name...Honor</b> <b>Howell.....</b>			
<b>Assessment completed by:</b> <b>Name</b>		Honor Howell				
<b>Job title</b> <b>Assistant to the Chief Executive</b>		Date 18.5.22				
<p><b>Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.</b></p>						