

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18 SEPTEMBER 2018
'HOLIDAY HUNGER'
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To hear from the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years on work he is involved with to try and tackle 'holiday hunger' in the City.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
 - a) review work taking place to reduce 'holiday hunger' in the City; and
 - b) identify if there is any further evidence that it wishes to gather in relation to this issue.

3 Background information

- 3.1 'Holiday hunger' is a term often used to refer to children and young people going hungry during the school holidays, primarily due to extra financial pressures on families during those times.
- 3.2 Reports from organisations such as The Trussell Trust are that there is an increase in demand for emergency food for children that drives an increase in foodbank need during summer holidays. This is because there is extra financial pressures to provide main meals during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time. A 2017 report from The All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger said that going hungry in the school holidays is a growing problem for up to 3 million UK children and estimated that the loss of free school meals during the holidays adds between £30-£40 a week to parents' outgoings.
- 3.3 The Committee identified this as an issue that it wished to explore in the context of Nottingham.
- 3.4 The Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years will be attending the meeting to provide a briefing on work that he has been involved with in the City to tackle holiday hunger.
- 3.5 The Committee is asked to identify whether there is a need to gather further evidence on this issue; and if so the evidence that it wishes to gather. This will then be incorporated into the Committee's work programme for 2018/19 accordingly.

4 List of attached information

4.1 None

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Report of The All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger (2017)

Trussell Trust's policy briefing on families, hunger and the holidays
(August 2018)

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

8 Contact information

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