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Annex A Action plan – School Holiday Food Scrutiny Review

Reference	Action	December 2022 Update	Lead	Delivery Date
Recommendation 1	Holiday food provision should be put in place for the remaining school holidays in 2022/23 in line with the recommendations below, acknowledging that the provision of vouchers at a cost £50k to £60k per school holiday week is not affordable without direct government funding	See below	Director of Customer & Communities	See below
Recommendation 2	Despite its acknowledged limitations, HAF will remain an important part of the school holiday food offer, and CYC should continue to promote it and work with providers to make activities as genuinely accessible as possible, whilst also lobbying Government for greater flexibility in how the programme can be delivered.	Progress as outlined in this report – schemes are operating strongly and focussing on those areas in most need. Lobbying has taken place.	AD Customer & Communities	Ongoing
Recommendation 3	In determining how the £200,000 for Covid recovery efforts is spent, Ward teams should prioritise supporting settings and providers that, with appropriate support, could deliver a school holiday food offer targeted at those most in need and for whom other support may not be accessible	General and covid recovery ward spend has shifted to support a number of activities focussed on food and working in conjunction with the new Food Officers.	AD Customer & Communities	Ongoing

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Recommendation 4	The remaining £43,000 in the school holiday food budget should be made available for LACs, schools and community organisations to use to issue supermarket vouchers to families who are in need and for whom other support may be inaccessible. If demand proves to be high, Executive should look at ways in which this fund could be supplemented from other sources.	Implemented. The food and fuel voucher scheme continues to be funded from the Household Support Fund.	Head of Customer, Resident & Exchequer Services	Ongoing
Recommendation 5	When details of the new Household Support Fund are available, CYC should identify how its delivery can be targeted to specifically benefit FSM (Free School Meals) families.	Completed for Household Support Fund (HSF) 2 and 3. HSF4 and 5 will be received in 2023/24 and may be required to target a different group, although funding of fuel and food vouchers may continue.	Head of Customer, Resident & Exchequer Services	Ongoing.

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<p>Recommendation 6</p>	<p>CYC should produce an advice and information pack designed to signpost families, advice partners and ward councillors to sources of information and support. This should be accessible to all but promoted specifically to FSM families</p>	<p>CYC have provided advice and information on support with food through the Cost of Living edition of Our City issued to all residents https://www.york.gov.uk/OurCity</p> <p>There is further support and information on the council's website https://www.york.gov.uk/HelpWithFood. Advice also available on the live well York website https://www.livewellyork.co.uk/information-and-advice/money-legal/community-food-help/ There is information in relation to HAF on the Yor-OK website https://www.yor-ok.org.uk/young-people/haf There is also ongoing discussions with the Family Information Service (FIS) to add information to their newsletter. Partner packs are issued to Advice York partners and schools.</p>	<p>Head of Customer, Resident & Exchequer Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>