

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 4th September 2018
Title: SUMMER PLAY SCHEME
Report of: Clerk

The rural summer play scheme has been provided by SRPC for many years. Consideration was given in 2018 to changing the scheme following disappointing attendance figures at Crosby in 2017. A survey was undertaken and following it, a decision was taken to continue with the provision of six days (three at Crosby, three at Houghton) but to advertise the scheme dates as early as possible. A decision was also taken to increase the cost per day per child to £7.50 to try and off-set some of the incurred costs.

The numbers and costs/income figures are:

Venue	Day	No. of Children	Income from Children	Scheme Cost	Venue Cost	Cost to Council:
Crosby	1	28	£210.00	£400.00	£40.00	£230
Crosby	2	31	£232.50	£400.00	£40.00	£207.50
Crosby	3	30	£225.00	£400.00	£40.00	£215.00
	TOTAL	89	£667.60	£1,200	£120	£652.50
Houghton	1	41	£307.50	£400	£72.10	£164.60
Houghton	2	39	£292.50	£400	£72.10	£179.60
Houghton	3	31	£232.50	£400	£72.10	£239.60
	TOTAL	111	£832.50	£1,200	£216.30	£583.80

Taking the above into account, the six provided days have been at a cost of £1,236.30. This is well within the budgeted amount and a significantly lower amount than in 2017 (£1,821). It does appear that the increase in price per child has not been of any detriment to attendance numbers.

Consideration should be given as to whether the scheme has been successful and whether provision, and on what scale, could be made in 2019.