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Item 8
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Date/Dyddiad 28th January, 2019
Ask for/Gofynner am Claire Homard
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Dear Clerk,

Town and Community Councils Summer Play Scheme Programme, 2019

I am writing to update Town and Community Councils of the situation regarding the summer play scheme programme for 2019.

The local authority has had recent notification that a grant has been made available to support and part-fund our summer programme. This funding (45K) has been made possible, via the Welsh Government's Play Opportunities Grant.

As in previous years, we are reliant on local support from individual town and community council to ensure the continuity of this much valued provision in each area. We are therefore, seeking a financial contribution from each town and community council to support local schemes and the wider county playscheme programme.

The cost of a basic local scheme is as follows and includes:

2 x Community Play Team Members

The team would provide x 2 hours per session x 5 sessions x 3 weeks

The team would work on site Monday to Friday AM or PM (Those areas requiring both AM & PM sessions at the same location, will need to be registered with the Care Inspectorate of Wales, before May 2019).

- Area Supervision
- Access to a bank of reserves (if number and ratios increased)
- Kit/Equipment/Mobile phones
- All training: Including safeguarding and child protection; paediatric first aid; risk management and risk assessment; health and safety in the workplace;

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Playwork; dealing with challenging behaviour on site, disability inclusion training, basic food hygiene

- Flintshire Buddy scheme for children with disabilities to play out in their own community with support where necessary

The cost of a basic scheme (3 weeks x 15 sessions) is **£1,373.95** for each site location.

Local councils can opt for additional locations, at the same cost and on the same basis.

Local councils can also opt for additional weeks 4, 5 and 6 at a cost of **£355.00** per week

Discussions are also ongoing with regard to the food poverty programme in Flintshire. The 'Share your Lunch' programme, delivered in 2018 in partnership with the Benefits Service was a huge success. Please notify us, along with your response for playscheme, if you would like further information when it is available with regard to this programme.

The summer play scheme programme in Flintshire is a highly valued service by children, families and communities. More than 4,000 children and young people attended during the summer 2018. We are thankful for the successful partnership we have with local councils to continue to deliver this vital service to communities in Flintshire

I would be grateful if you could give this matter your urgent consideration as you undertake your budget setting procedures and confirm back to me your Council's decision with regard to the provision of a summer play scheme.

If you require any further detail at this stage please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer, whose contact details are below:

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Yours sincerely,



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