

Appendix 1: Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Holiday Hunger - financial support.			
Coverage:	Families in Middlesbrough in receipt of Free School Meals during October 2020 half-term.			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) One-off payment scheme.		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>Key aims, objectives and activities</p> <p>In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, local restrictions and the ongoing resulting economic hardship experienced locally, and the withdrawal of Government support, the proposal seeks to support children who are entitled to free school meals during the half-term period through the provision of a one-off payment of £15 per child. Monies will also be provided to local food banks to fund anticipated increased demand.</p> <p>Statutory drivers</p> <p>Children Act 2004; Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach</p> <p>To date during the pandemic financial support of this kind has been provided by the Government. The Government has decided not to do this in October 2020 half-term so the Council is proposing to replace this support with a local scheme.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</p> <p>Middlesbrough children eligible for Free School Meals.</p> <p>Intended outcomes</p> <p>To ensure vulnerable families in Middlesbrough can feed their children during October 2020 half-term.</p>			

Live date:	As soon as the proposal is approved.			
Lifespan:	October 2020 half-term.			
Date of next review:	Not applicable.			
Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No. Delivery of the proposed scheme will not contravene Human Rights as identified in national legislation. There is not detrimental effect on any groups or individuals only targeted positive effects based upon and evidence based assessment of relative need in their eligibility for Free School Meals.
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No. This scheme will contribute to a reduction of income and health inequalities in Middlesbrough during this period and support local children. As an age-targeted scheme based on need, the proposed scheme will have a positive impact on the age protected characteristic. This is because support is targeted on those families who qualify for Free School Meals based upon eligibility criteria based upon their income.
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No. There are no concerns that the proposed scheme could have an adverse impact on community cohesion. This is because eligibility is determined by empirical criteria focused on Free School Meal eligibility not specific to different areas or groups.
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