

Report of the Chief Executive

FOOD CLUBS UPDATE1. Purpose of report

To advise the Committee on the progress of the development of three Food Clubs in the Borough.

2. Detail

The concept of Food Clubs started as part of the Nottinghamshire Child Obesity Trailblazer project. The overall aim of the clubs is that families have increased access to healthier and affordable foods.

Eligibility for families to become a “member” of a club is that they must have at least one child under 5 and live within the children’s centre catchment area. More details of the scheme are shown in the appendix.

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently working with Family Action to deliver 30 Food Clubs across Nottinghamshire by the end of the next financial year (March 2022) this would cover the whole county and be predominantly hosted within the County Council’s children’s centres.

In Broxtowe the plan is for there to be 3 Food Clubs to be located at:

- Eastwood Children’s Centre, Chewton Street, Eastwood
- Beeston North Children’s Centre, Alderman Cl, Beeston (HOPE food bank have expressed an interest in this Food Club being hosted within their premises and supported by Children’s Centres)
- Chilwell Children’s Centre, Great Hoggett Drive, Chilwell

The project is progressing in line with expectations with Eastwood Food Club opening 22 July and Beeston due to open in September.

Nottinghamshire County Council has indicated it will meet the set up costs (£3,400) of the first club (Eastwood) using funds from the Trail Blazer Obesity Project.

Funding to set up the two remaining clubs in the Borough and supply all three with their initial food supply (£9,250 in total) is from the COVID-19 Food Grant (£20,000) which Districts received from central government via the County Council, to undertake food related activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several other District Councils have also used the grant for the establishment of Food Clubs.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the progress of the development of Food Clubs.

Background Papers

Nil