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To: All Members of the Youth Provision Committee
(Cllrs: Ian Barlow, Francetta Bridle, Bernie Davis, Paul Dodds, Stuart Hughes, Chris Lockyear, Hilary Nelson, John Nicholson, Rachel Perram)

For Information:
Other Members of the Council
Town Clerk

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Youth Provision Committee
Tuesday 14 July at 9.00am**

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered and resolution or resolutions passed as the Town Council considers appropriate.

The Chair of the Committee has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time. Individual contributions will be limited to a maximum period of three minutes.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

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| 1 Apologies | |
| To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2 Declarations of Interest | Page/s |
| To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered. | |
| 3 Matters of Urgency and Report | |
| To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes) | |

4 **Exclusion of the Public**

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

- 5 To consider a proposal from to establish a school holiday activities and packed lunch project for vulnerable children, funded from the Youth Provision Project Budget, as detailed in the attached Report.

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- 6 Update on ongoing Youth Provision projects, including the Get Involved Grants (GiG) Scheme, the Youth Club, and partnership working with Sidmouth College from the Chair of the Committee.

Forthcoming Council and Working Group meetings:

Mon 3 August: Council

Wed 12 August: Planning Committee

Summer Holiday Lunch Box Support Scheme 2026

Project Partners: Primley Hub (Jen Taylor), Sidmouth Town Council (Cllr Hilary Nelson, Cllr Paul Dodds), Sidmouth Foodbank (Helen Usmar & Others) and East Devon District Council (EDDC) Communities Team.

Background

The nationally funded school holiday food voucher scheme is not available this year. Local schools and families have identified concerns about how some children will access healthy lunches during the six-week summer holiday period. During the school holidays FSM families have previously received a £15.00 voucher per child per week. Very limited alternative provision is available for families facing food poverty this summer.

Please see the table below for numbers of children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM). Nationally 25.7% of children receive FSM.

School	Holiday Dates	Numbers	Days Holiday (exc weekends)
Sidmouth College	20/07 -08/09	185	37
Sidmouth Primary	23/07- 04/09	112	32
Sidbury Primary	22/07-04/09	23	33
NP Primary	22/07-04/09	35	32

Aim

This project aims to provide practical support to families experiencing financial hardship while creating a positive, community-focused activity for children and parents. To reduce holiday hunger by providing weekly lunch box kits and engaging families in simple food preparation activities.

Target Group

Families identified by local schools as being most in need, with support available for up to **50 children**. Entry to the programme will be by school referral only. Families will register in advance to attend weekly collection sessions.

Proposed Delivery

Each Monday during the summer holidays, Lymebourne Community Centre will open from **9.30am – 12.00pm** for families to collect a weekly lunch box kit.

As part of the session, children and parents will be invited to take part in a “Build Your Own Sandwich” activity, allowing children to choose ingredients and make their own lunch for that

day. The activity promotes healthy eating, food preparation skills and family engagement. Additional activities can be provided for later sessions.

The sessions will also provide an opportunity for partner organisations and guest services to offer informal advice and support. Potential attendees include the EDDC Financial Resilience Team and other local community support services.

Expected Outcomes

- Up to 50 children supported throughout the summer holidays.
- Reduced pressure on household food budgets.
- Increased access to healthy lunches during school holidays.
- Improved confidence and involvement of children in food preparation.
- Opportunities for families to access wider support services and advice.

Proposed Budget

The project will be delivered using existing community resources, with no venue hire costs and no staffing costs, as support will be provided by volunteers from organisations including Sidmouth Foodbank, Oasis and community partners.

The estimated food hamper cost is £10.35 per child, per week.

The sample hamper includes bread, spread, sandwich filler, salad item (eg cucumber), fruit item and carton of fruit juice and a packet of crisps. Enough to make 5 packed lunches per week.

Maximum estimated cost:

50 children × £10.35 × 6 weeks = £3,105

The final cost is expected to be lower due to:

- Families with multiple children sharing some food items.
- Savings achieved through bulk purchasing.
- Potential donations from local businesses and community organisations.

This project represents excellent value for money, with funding directed almost entirely towards supporting local children and families during the summer holiday period.