

Report on	Choose To Live Better Funding
Date of Meeting	13th June 2024
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Council on successful application to the Choose To Live Better Fund and to seek Members approval of the acceptance of the letter of offer from The Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership (NHLP).
2.0	Background
2.1	The Northern Healthy Lifestyles Partnership supports outcomes of the regional “A Fitter Future for All Framework 2012-2022.” Obesity prevention - framework and reports Department of Health (health-ni.gov.uk) . Two overarching objectives of this framework are to: increase the percentage of people eating a healthy, nutritionally balanced diet; and to increase the percentage of the population meeting the CMO guidelines on physical activity Physical activity guidelines - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) .
3.0	Main Report

3.1 The Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership (NHLP) sought proposals for projects/activities that promote opportunities for; increasing physical activity, improving nutrition, tackling obesity, supports breastfeeding, enhances food sustainability and promotes healthy lifestyles across the Northern Trust Area.

The requirement is for projects to be delivered between June 2024 and March 2025 up to a maximum of £4,000 per project. Projects have to contain one or more of the following to support the prevention and reduction of obesity within the Northern Trust area;

- Breastfeeding
- Food/Nutrition promotion/education
- Physical activity
- Food sustainability promotion/education
- Healthy lifestyle promotion/education

3.2 Only Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership (NHLP) partners and their organisation could apply for Choose to Live better funding and Partners could apply for more than one project.

3.3 3 Project Proposals were submitted with 2 out of the 3 Project Proposals being successfully evaluated with a letters of offer being issued to Council for a total of £5,800.

3.4 A breakdown of the 3 Project Proposals are listed below:

PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT OFFERED	REASON FOR DECLINE
Living Well in Mid Ulster	£4,000	£4,000	N/A
Mid Ulster Active and Healthy	£4,000	£0	Evaluation panel ruled that this application was a duplication of service
Summer Neurodiversity Camps	£1,800	£1,800	N/A

On the 30th May, the NHLP informed Council with the outcome of their assessment of the applications and a letter of funding offer. It has been requested that Council sign and return the declaration and acceptance by Friday 7th June 2024 with delivery of projects and completion of project evaluation and OBA Report card no later than 31st March 2025 unless an extension has been granted by the partnership.

4.0 Other Considerations

4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Offer of £5,800 in grant funding to Council to support delivery of 2 identified projects.
	Human: There are no additional Council human resources implications associated with this project.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant policies and procedures
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council's policies and procedures.
	Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council's policies and procedures.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the contents of the report and due to the deadline for return, give retrospective approval for the signing of the letter of offer from The Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership (NHLP).
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A