

Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities



EasyRead Version





This document is about improving the Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities offer.



In this document we call Essex County Council “we”.



And we call young people with **SEND** “you”.

SEND means Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.



The law says that we must provide different types of short breaks for you.



Community Clubs and Activities are part of the Short Breaks Service.



Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities provide a range of activities after school, at the weekends and during school holidays.



We want to ask you some questions about Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities to help us improve this service.

Consultation



At the moment we pay 28 organisations to deliver Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities.



You have told us that:

- the activities provided by Short Breaks do not always meet your needs.
- or that you have to travel a long way to get to an activity that is right for you.



We will continue to pay for a range of clubs and activities across Essex.



These activities might include:

- sports and movement
- arts and crafts
- outdoor activities like woodland walks or boating
- drama and music
- skills development, this could be IT skills like how to code or build online games
- visits and events, like trips to the cinema or historic sites
- online activities
- activities for children with specific needs because of their disability or sensory impairments.



The current short breaks contract ends in March 2023.



We want to make changes in the new contract that will make it easier for you to access clubs and activities.



Your answers to the questions on the following pages will help us to plan the new short breaks contract.

Question 1



We have 4 ideas about changing the short breaks contract.

Please tick the boxes to tell us which you think is the best idea.



Idea 1: No change.

This means that Short Breaks Community Clubs and Activities will stay the same as they are now.



I like least



I don't like



I like



I like best



Idea 2: Change where clubs and activities take place.

This means we will pay for different clubs in different parts of Essex.



I like least



I don't like



I like



I like best

Please tick the boxes to tell us which you think is the best idea.



Idea 3: To run clubs and activities in mainstream settings.

This means that clubs and activities could be in places like village halls, leisure centres or outdoor spaces.



I like least



I don't like



I like



I like best



Idea 4: Work towards an activity allowance

This means we would give you money to pay for your own activities. It would take at least 5 years to make this happen.



I like least



I don't like



I like



I like best

Question 2



We need to make sure that everyone has equal access to clubs and activities.

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



Activities should be shorter. But they should be more often.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree



Activities should be longer. But they should be less often



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



There should be more online activities.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Limit how many clubs and activities you are allowed to do.



I agree



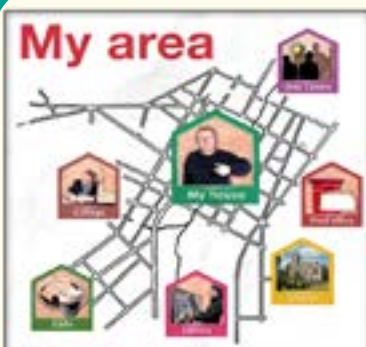
Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Introduce annual reviews.

This will mean the providers try and provide clubs and activities in areas with the most need or gaps.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Question 3



We need to improve inclusion in mainstream settings and make sure that staff are properly trained.

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



To pay Short Breaks providers to run clubs and activities in mainstream settings.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree



To use some of our short breaks budget to set up a fund for providers to pay for training that could help you.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



To use some of our short breaks budget to set up a fund for providers to pay for equipment that could help you.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree



To create an SEND Trust Charter. This will allow providers to show they promote inclusion.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Question 4



We need to plan transitions better when you turn 19.

Please tick the boxes to tell us which if you agree or disagree with the statement.



To make sure that providers help you to find suitable clubs and activities as you become an adult.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree



To help all-age providers build relationships with children's, adult's and mainstream services.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



To help providers offer skills and independence training, such as learning how to cook.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Question 5



We understand how important online activities have been during lockdown. We want to offer more online activities.

Please tick the boxes to tell us which would apply to you.



I would use an online activity to find out more about a club before attending in person.



I would take part in online activities so I can use Short Breaks Clubs and Activities more often.



I would use online activities instead of face to face activities when I am unwell or during winter.



I would use an online activity where some people are online and some people attend in person.

Please tick the boxes to tell us which would apply to you.



I would use an online activity that has been recorded so I can access it when I want to.



My parent or carer would use an online activity to meet other parents and carers.



I would use an online activity to make friends with people who live in a different area.



I would not use online activities.

Question 6



We need to improve the way we give information to help you understand the Shorts Breaks system.

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statements.



To communicate regularly with families in a way that suits them.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree



To create an online registration system that you can review and update.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Please tick the boxes to tell us if you agree or disagree with the statement.



To spend 10% of the Short Breaks budget to pay for System Navigators.

System Navigators would help you to find the best clubs and activities for your needs.

They would also help to prepare you for when you are an adult and can no longer go to children's clubs.



I agree



Neither agree
nor disagree



I disagree

Question 7



Do you have any other comments to make?



Please write your answer in the box below.

Survey - Question 1



Your answers to the following 6 questions will help us to plan new Clubs and Activities.

Please tell us where you would like clubs and activities to take place. Tick all that apply. ☒



At School



In a village hall



At home



At a leisure centre



At a park



At the beach



At a Short Breaks hall



At a place of worship

Please tell us where you would like clubs and activities to take place. Tick all that apply. ☒



At a historic site



At a theatre



At an outdoor centre



At a children's centre



At a library



On a mobile bus



At a swimming pool



At a gym



At a shopping centre



At a sports club



At a community space



At a farm or zoo

Survey - Question 2



How far would you travel to go to clubs and activities?

Please tick 1. ☒



Up to 10
minutes



Up to 20
minutes



Up to 45
minutes



Up to an
hour



More than an
hour

Survey - Question 3



How would you travel to clubs and activities?

Please tick 1. ☒



In my family
car



In someone
else's car



By bus



By train



By taxi



Home to school
transport



Walk



Picked up by
the Provider

Survey - Question 4



At what times would you like to attend clubs and activities during term time.

Tick all that apply ☒



Monday - Friday
after school

In person

Online



Monday - Friday
evening



Saturday morning



At what times would you like to attend clubs and activities during term time.

Tick all that apply ☒

In person

Online



Saturday afternoon or evening



Saturday all day



Sunday morning



Sunday afternoon or evening

Survey - Question 4



At what times would you like to attend clubs and activities during school holidays.

Tick all that apply ☒



Monday - Friday
daytime

In person

Online



Monday - Friday
evening



Saturday daytime



At what times would you like to attend clubs and activities during school holidays..

Tick all that apply ☒

In person

Online



Saturday evening



Sunday daytime



Sunday evening

Survey - Question 5



How would you like us to communicate with you?

Please tell us how you would like to find out about clubs and activities. Tick all that apply.



Essex Local Offer website



Active Essex Activity Finder



On a website



On Facebook



Text message



Newsletter



From other families



From the clubs themselves



Annual Brochure



An app

Survey - Question 6



Do you have anything else to say about planning new clubs and activities?



Please write your answer in the box below.

About you

The following questions are to help us understand more about you. You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.

What gender do you most identify with? Please tick the box



A boy

A girl

I use my own word

Prefer not to say



What is your background? Please tick the box



Asian: Pakistani

Black: African

White British

Asian:
Bangladeshi

Black:
Caribbean

White Other

Asian: Indian

Black: Other

Other ethnic
background

Asian: Other

Chinese

Mixed ethnic
background

What is your religious belief? Please tick the box.



Christian



Muslim



Jewish



Hindu



Buddhist



Sikh



None



Other

Please tell us



Do you have a disability? Please tick the box



Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Please tell us

How old are you? Please tick the box



0 - 4

5 - 11

12 - 15

16 - 17

18 - 24

25 - 34

35 - 44

45 - 54

55 - 64

Over 65

Prefer not to say

Where in Essex do you live? Please tick the box



Basildon

Braintree

Brentwood

Castle Point

Chelmsford

Colchester

Epping Forest

Harlow

Maldon

Rochford

Tendring

Uttlesford

Southend

Thurrock

I don't live in
Essex

Prefer not to
say

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