

REPORT TO: Cabinet

DATE: 29 October 2009

SUBJECT: 'Play Naturally In Sefton' - Amendment To Funding

WARDS AFFECTED: All Wards

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to increase the capital allocation to a capital scheme within the 'Play Naturally in Sefton' Portfolio with a corresponding decrease in revenue funding.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Cabinet approval is required in order to amend the capital programme.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Cabinet is recommended to approve the increase in capital expenditure, as detailed in this report, and to reflect this in the Capital Programme. This is balanced by a corresponding decrease in revenue funding for the Playbus scheme within the 'Play Naturally in Sefton' Portfolio.

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not appropriate.

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:** None.**Financial:**

There are no financial implications as all funding is from specific resources. Confirmation has been received from the administrators of the Big Lottery Fund Grant that the proportional change between capital and revenue is acceptable. The total amount of grant remains the same. An additional £21,289 will increase the capital programme as shown in the table below. This will be reflected by a corresponding decrease in revenue funding in 2009/10 as shown in the table, which will leave £9,507 in revenue in 2009/10. The revenue funding in 2010/11 and 2011/12 remain unchanged.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	21,289			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources	21,289			
Big Lottery Fund Play Portfolio Grant				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Decrease in Revenue Expenditure	-21,289			
Decrease in 2009/10 revenue expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources	-21,289			
Big Lottery Fund Play Portfolio Grant				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: Not appropriate.**Risk Assessment:** There are no risks associated with the capital scheme as all funding is from specific resources.**Asset Management:** Not appropriate.**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	✓		
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People	✓		

LINKS TO ENSURING INTEGRATION:

Not appropriate.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN'S SERVICES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

Not appropriate.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Report to Cabinet Member Leisure & Tourism and Cabinet Member Children's Services – 5 December 2007 and 22 January 2008 – Lifeboat Road, Formby Point, Gateway Site Proposal.

Report to Cabinet Member Leisure & Tourism, Cabinet Member Children's Services and Cabinet – 20 May 2009 and 2 and 11 June 2009 – 'Play Naturally in Sefton' Change to the Big Lottery Fund Play Portfolio.

The Finance Director has been consulted and has no comments on the report. FD 186/09.

'PLAY NATURALLY IN SEFTON': AMENDMENT TO FUNDING

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that approval was given on 11 June 2009 for two schemes to be funded from a Big Lottery Fund Play Portfolio Grant with a total value of £380,400.
- 1.2 One scheme was to provide a new play area at the Crosby Coastal Park with a grant allocation of £200,000 (£162,000 capital and £38,000 revenue). This scheme remains unchanged.
- 1.3 The second scheme was to allow the voluntary organisation Parenting 2000, to develop a Playbus facility with play workers, which could be taken to different areas of Sefton to provide play opportunities for parents and children together. The total grant available to support this scheme was £180,400 divided into £94,780 capital for the purchase of the bus and £85,620 revenue to provide play workers for the duration of the grant.

2. Funding

- 2.1 Firmed up costs for the Playbus have been received by Parenting 2000 and amount to £116,069 leaving a shortfall of £21,289.
- 2.2 The administrators of the Big Lottery Fund have confirmed that a proportional change between capital and revenue, within the total grant allocation, is acceptable.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed to reallocate £21,289 of the £85,620 revenue portion of the grant to capital so that the Playbus can be purchased. This would reduce the revenue available to £64,331. The additional £38,000 revenue allocated to the Crosby Coastal Park remains unchanged giving revenue total of £102,331. Parenting 2000 have confirmed that because the start of the project has been delayed by a number of months that there will be a revenue saving to offset the increased capital. The reduced revenue will not therefore affect the overall scheme and there is no change to the grant allocation to the Playbus project.

4. Recommendation(s)

- 4.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve the increase in capital expenditure, as detailed in this report, and to reflect this in the Capital Programme. This is balanced by a corresponding decrease in revenue funding for the Playbus scheme within the 'Play Naturally in Sefton' Portfolio.