



MEETING: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

DATE: Tuesday 9 February 2010

TIME: 6.30 pm

VENUE: Town Hall, Southport

Member

Councillor
Hands (Chair)
Gibson (Vice-Chair)
Bradshaw
Byrne
Byrom
Cummins (Spokesperson)
Cuthbertson
Dodd
Hough
T Jones (Spokesperson)
Mrs. S. Cain
Fr. D. Seddon

Substitute

Councillor
Colbert
Booth
Moncur
McGuire
Kerrigan
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A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct.
3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 12)

Minutes of the re-convened meeting held on 21 January 2010.
4. **Update on Action Plan Arising from Last Years Inspection of the Fostering Service** (To Follow)

Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families
5. **New Inspection Regime**

To receive a verbal presentation from the Children's Social Care Director.
6. **Strengths and Weaknesses of the Youth Service (North, Mid and South Areas)**

To receive a verbal presentation from the Area Managers of the Youth Service.
7. **Building Schools for the Future Programme - Update and Financial Implications** (Pages 13 - 30)

Joint report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families and Strategic Director - Communities
8. **Work Programme - Key Decision Forward Plan - 1 February To 31 May 2010** (Pages 31 - 46)

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.

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THIS SET OF MINUTES IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

MEETING HELD AT THE BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2010

**Overview
& Scrutiny**



PRESENT: Councillor Hands (in the Chair)

Councillors Bradshaw, Cummins, Cuthbertson,
Dodd, Hough, McGuire and Mrs. S. Cain (Parent
Governor Representative)

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrne, Byrom, Booth (Substitute Member), Gibson, Glover (Substitute Member), Kerrigan (Substitute Member) and T. Jones and Father D. Seddon (Archdiocesan Representative).

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Member	Item	Reason	Action
Councillor Cummins	Minutes No'd. 58 & 60	Personal – by virtue of his position of Chair of Governors at Rimrose School; and Personal – by virtue of his position working with Sefton Carers.	Took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon;
Councillor Cuthbertson	Minutes No'd. 58 & 60	Personal – by virtue of her appointment on the Board of Enterprises Savio Salesian College; and Personal – by virtue of friendship.	Took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon;

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Member	Item	Reason	Action
Councillor Hands	Minutes No'd. 61	Personal – by virtue of his Daughters employment as a Youth Worker for YMCA.	Took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2009 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Minute No 46, Declarations of Interest:

1. that Councillor Cuthbertson replace Councillor Hands as declaring a personal interest in relation to Minute No. 50 and not 49 – by virtue of her appointment on the Board of Enterprises Savio Salesian College; and
2. that Councillor Byrne Declared an Interest in relation to Minute No 50 and not 49.

56. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RESOLVED: That the report be withdrawn from the Agenda due to non-attendance by the consultant in Public Health.

57. FOSTERING SERVICE WORKING GROUP - UPDATE REPORT

Further to Minute No. 49 of 20 October 2009, the Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children Schools and Families advising Members of the financial implications of the recommendations contained in the Fostering Service Working Group Report April 2009 as follows:-

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Estimated Annual Cost
		£
1	Foster Carers' weekly payment increased by 30% immediately over standard inflation rate	580,000
2	Foster Carers paid a retention fee of £50/week for a maximum 12 weeks when they are without a placement	28,600
4	Respite care for Foster Carers	75,000
5	LA enters into preferential partnership agreement with suitable provider	-
6	Advocacy Service for Foster Carers	8,900
7	3 Trainee Social Worker Posts be created, per year	164,000
13	Increased salaries of Social Workers	107,400
14	Decreasing caseloads for Social Workers	433,500
TOTAL		1,397,400

The Chair, Councillor Richard Hands, welcomed Foster Carers to the meeting and requested them to raise their hand if they wished to pass comment or ask questions.

The Strategic Director of Children's Schools and Families reported that he welcomed the report and reassured Members and Foster Carers that it was his intention along with the Children's Social Care Director to work closely with the Foster Carer Support Groups and Members to ensure that the service was shaped by the Foster Carers themselves. He went through each of the recommendations and in summary gave the following reassurances:-

- That although the increase by 30% over standard inflation rate to Foster Carers' weekly payment could not be incorporated into the budget process for 2010/11, it be an aspiration to work towards and investigated further should savings be made in future through early intervention and prevention.
- That an insurance scheme did exist for each Foster Carer.
- That Respite Care for Foster Carers be investigated further, including the issue of Foster Carers losing payment whilst respite was being undertaken.
- That the recommendation in relation to entering into a preferential partnership agreement be developed further looking at individual packages.

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- That the budget headings within the overall budget had been re-configured making them easier to understand.
- That the Handbook should be ready to be sent to Foster Carers during February 2010.
- That the protocol in relation to coordinating adaptations for Foster Carers' Homes had been referred to the Foster Carer support Groups.
- That there had been 3 Foster Carer Support Groups set up.
- The Increase of Social Worker salaries were subject to the Pay and Grading Review.
- That a strategy be looked at to reduce the number of out of borough placements, which would reduce case load work.
- That the introduction of a marketing strategy and Foster Carer recruitment and retention Strategy be referred to the Corporate Parenting Board and the Foster Carer Support Groups.
- That an advocacy service be provided with immediate effect.
- That the recommendation in relation to Trainee Social Worker posts being created had been successfully pursued through "Step up to Social Work".

RESOLVED: That:-

- (1) the financial implications of the Fostering Service Working Group be accepted and referred to the Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Children's Services and the Transformation Team for consideration during the budget process; and
- (2) a report updating Members on the Action Plan arising from last year's Inspection of the Councils Fostering Service be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

58. REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

Further to Minute No. 95 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Children's Services held on 17 November 2009, the Committee considered the joint report of the Environmental Protection Director and the Finance and Information Services Director on the quarterly forecast position, based on information as at 30 September 2009, in relation to the Portfolio's 2009/10 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required in accordance with the corporate performance management framework.

Annex A to the report detailed the Portfolio's budgets that were monitored and reported on the risk-assessed basis; whilst Annex B detailed the Portfolio's schemes within the Capital Programme 2009/10 - 2012/13.

The report concluded by requesting whether any comments about the overall performance of the Revenue Budget or Capital Programme schemes should be referred to the Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and no comments be made at present to the Cabinet regarding the overall performance of the revenue budget and the schemes within the capital programme.

59. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Further to Minute No. 50 of 27 October 2009, the Committee received a verbal update from the Strategic Director of Children's Services on progress with respect to the Council's Building Schools for the Future programme which had received approval in November 2009.

RESOLVED:

That the update on progress be received and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee detailing the project plan and financial implications of the scheme.

60. ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLAINTS FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services giving details of the number nature and outcomes of complaints made to Sefton Children's Services.

The report had been considered by the Cabinet Member - Children's Services on 17 November 2009 (Minute No. 94 refers) and had been referred to this Committee for consideration.

Members congratulated Ms Lynn Wallis, Children's Complaints Officer, for the excellent report and work conducted by herself and her team.

RESOLVED:

That the report informing of the number nature and outcomes of complaints made to Sefton Children's Services be received.

61. YOUTH SERVICE DATABASE

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director Children's Services giving an overview of the database used by the Youth Service to monitor the Youth Work and Positive Activities funded via the Youth Service.

The Electronic Management Information System (EYS) had been introduced 12 months previously to improve the access to and quality of recorded data. The electronic system would ensure consistent recordings, easier monitoring and sharing of good practice.

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Members raised concerns, following a visit to Formby Youth Centre, in relation to a 35 hour per week Youth Worker post which had not been appointed to, more specifically Members were concerned about the work load of the existing Youth Worker at that base. The Chair, Councillor Richard Hands, requested the Strategic Director Children Schools and Families to write to himself, Councillor Cuthbertson and Councillor Cummins confirming the position.

The Chair also raised the issue that he had been made aware that Management Committees existed in the North of the Borough only, and he requested that they be re-instated in the South and Mid Areas.

RESOLVED: That:-

- (1) the report be received;
- (2) the Strategic Director of Children's Services be requested to write to Councillors Cummins, Cuthbertson and Hands confirming the position of the 35 hour per week Youth Worker vacancy for Formby Youth Centre; and
- (3) Management Committees for the Mid and South Areas of the Borough be re-instated.

62. ANNUAL UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION OF CONTACT, REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN SEFTON COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services giving an update on the annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment services which was held on 22 and 23 September 2009, together with a copy of the letter from Ofsted outlining the finding following the inspection.

The report had been considered by the Cabinet Member - Children's Services on 27 October 2009 (Minute No. 88 refers) and had been referred to this Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report updating on the annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment services be noted; and
- (2) the letter from Ofsted outlining the findings following the inspection be received.

63. CABINET MEMBER REPORT - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

In order to keep Overview and Scrutiny Members informed, it had been agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to submit relevant Cabinet Member Reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Accordingly, the Committee received the latest report from the Cabinet Member - Children's Services.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member report be received.

64. WORK PROGRAMME KEY DECISION FORWARD PLANS - 1 DECEMBER 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010 AND 1 JANUARY TO 30 APRIL 2010

The Committee considered the report of the Legal Director which detailed the Committee's programme of work including the Key Decision Forward Plans containing all the Key Decisions which the Executive would take during the period 1 December 2009 to 31 March 2010 and 1 January to 30 April 2010. The Committee was advised of its right to pre-scrutinise any Key Decision which fell under its remit. The Committee also considered the latest Key Decision Forward Plan for period 1 February to 31 May 2010 which was circulated at the meeting. It was reported that the plan for that period had been published after the agenda for this meeting had been distributed.

Councillor Cummins informed Members that the Corporate Parenting Working Group had met prior to the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting and reviewed its Scoping Document. He stated that the Working Group were in a position to draft its Final Report.

The Chair, Councillor Hands reported that the Youth Centre visits had been a success and that he was keen to organise more in the future.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Key Decision Forward Plans for the periods 1 December 2009 to 31 March 2010, 1 January to 30 April 2010 and 1 February to 31 May 2010 be accepted;
- (2) progress of the Corporate Parenting Working Group be supported;
and
- (3) progress of the Focus Group set up to carry out a short piece of work in relation to the Youth Service be supported.

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REPORT TO: LEADERS GROUP
CABINET
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DATE: 21 JANUARY 2010
4 FEBRUARY 2010
9 FEBRUARY 2010

SUBJECT: BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE - UPDATE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

REPORT OF: PETER MORGAN
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES
ALAN MOORE
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

CONTACT OFFICER: LYNTON GREEN, ACTING FINANCE & INFORMATION SERVICES
DIRECTOR (0151 934 4096)
CHRIS DALZIEL (0151 934 3337)

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the BSF programme and to seek approval for the proposed budget to the completion of Outline Business Case.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Approval for funding must be agreed in order to proceed with Strategy for Change and the Outline Business Case.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) note the update to BSF;
- (ii) endorse the draft Communications and Engagement Strategy;
- (iii) agree to the advance allocation from one-off resources of £200,000 for 2009/10 and up to £1.681m for 2010/11 to complete work on the SfC and OBC.

KEY DECISION: Yes.

FORWARD PLAN: 13 January 2010

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

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not applicable.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: None

Financial: Financial implications are fully explained in section 5 of the report.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £'000	2010/ 2011 £'000	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	200	1,681		
Funded by:				
Sefton Funded Resources	200	1,681		
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: Not appropriate.

Risk Assessment: A full risk register has been developed to support the programme and this is available for members if requested. There are financial risks of additional capital and revenue expenditure commitments for the Council associated with the BSF process. These have been assessed and will continue to be reviewed during the preparation of the Outline Business Case and be the subject of future reports to Cabinet. Comments on the risks, relating to future government spending plans, is given at paragraph 6 of the report including comments from PFS.

Asset Management: BSF represent a significant opportunity to renew and improve inappropriate school buildings and create community assets.

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CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD 294 – the comments of the Acting Finance and Information Services Director have been incorporated into this report.

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:

The BSF programme will be a key driver to ensuring integration in Sefton schools.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The BSF programme will have a positive impact on all targets and priorities both for Children, Schools & Families and across a wider corporate agenda.

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

Report to Cabinet: 14 January 2010 - BSF: UPDATE AND STAFFING.

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BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: UPDATE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. Background and Update

- 1.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors for Children, Schools & Families and Communities and senior officers attended a pre-engagement meeting on 11 January 2010 with representatives from Partnerships for Schools (PFS), the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) and the Office of the Schools Commissioner (OSC). Sefton was congratulated on providing all of the additional information for Readiness to Deliver (RtD) and it was noted that PFS would recommend approval of this document. The date for the Remit Meeting, which represents the official entry into the BSF programme, was discussed with a recommendation that this would be in March 2010. Confirmation of RtD approval and the Remit date are awaited.

2. Benefits of BSF

- 2.1 Members will recall that BSF is a national programme to transform teaching and learning in the 21st century and to provide buildings which will facilitate this transformation.
- 2.2 BSF will bring significant capital investment (approximately £80 million in phase one) to schools and communities in Sefton. This investment will improve the life chances of children and young people by transforming learning and providing stimulating environments and facilities that can enable every young person to develop their talents and achieve their very best.
- 2.3 BSF will enable us to raise standards and aspirations through a personalised approach to learning to meet the needs of all young people, including those who are vulnerable. This approach to learning will be supported by modern, sustainable buildings designed with input from young people themselves and modern technologies. Through BSF, schools will have the flexible space to support a variety of approaches to learning, including e-learning, and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure to communicate effectively with pupils, parents and the community.
- 2.4 BSF will enable Sefton to progress its Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda by integrating services and building teams of services around children and their families. It will also place schools at the heart of their community by enhancing and providing new opportunities for community use of sports, cultural and leisure facilities.
- 2.5 Sefton has developed a robust Transformation Vision, which sets out how BSF will transform the Borough. It also communicates how BSF forms a vital part of our Integrated Investment Strategy which will ensure the provision of appropriate levels of new and affordable housing, an adequate supply of industrial land and workspaces, assist us to tackle worklessness and generate job creation by linking housing supply with economic opportunities. The BSF programme will enhance the desirability of currently deprived areas with joined up strategy ensuring that former school sites and the provision of new schools are part of effective land use plans which encourage the development of sustainable communities. The Integrated Investment Strategy also seeks to ensure alignment between the Local Education partnership (LEP) and delivery team for housing/commercial/industrial regeneration in order to ensure effective implementation, alignment of programmes and thus really ensure that we deliver a transformational vision for the people and communities in Sefton.

3. **Key Milestones in the BSF Programme**

- 3.1 The BSF process follows a national standard and is overseen by Partnerships for Schools (Pfs) with input from the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) and Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT). The key milestones are summarised as follows:

Deliverables	Key Dates
Approval of Readiness to Deliver Document	January 2010
Signed agreement to procure a joint LEP with WMBC	February 2010
Remit Meeting (Official Start)	March 2010
Strategy for Change - Submission to Members	September 2010
Outline Business Case – Member Approval	February 2011
OJEU notice placed	March 2011
Invitation to Participate in Dialogue - 1	May 2011
Invitation to Participate in Dialogue - 2	October 2011
Invitation to Submit Final Bids	January 2012
Preferred Bidder Announced – Member Approval	March 2012
Financial Close	August 2012

4. **Communications and Engagement Strategies**

- 4.1 The Sefton BSF Team have drafted a Communication and Engagement Strategy to support the project for review and approval. Please refer to Annex B for a copy of the Draft Communication Strategy. This strategy is key to engaging key stakeholders - school, young people, parent, communities and partners - in shaping the BSF programme to:-

- Transform teaching and learning across the Borough
- Develop integrated services
- Enhance community access and provision

This approach will not only shape phase 1 of the programme but provide the foundation in terms of vision, priorities and strategy to develop future phases of the BSF programme

- 4.2 It is important that Members are fully engaged in the development of this programme as well as being informed of its progress. Accordingly it is intended to develop a strand of the communication and engagement strategy to ensure such involvement and this could potentially include:-

- Member briefings and workshops
- Bi-monthly progress report
- Member Reference Group
- Area Committees

5. **Financial Implications**

- 5.1 In April 2009, Cabinet agreed to provide £300,000 from the Modernisation Fund as the budget for the production of the Council's 'Readiness to Deliver' document supporting the bid to enter the BSF programme; the report also indicated that the total cost of procuring BSF could be of the order of £3.2 over a four year period. The RtD work was completed in November and the latest indication is that the budget has been under spent by some £140,000. As a result of this good progress, the Council has moved some 3 months ahead of the timetable originally envisaged.

- 5.2 Work is currently progressing, in-house, to prepare for the Strategy for Change (SfC) and Outline Business Case (OBC) stages of the programme and this has included the appointment of (Pfs required) external Financial, ICT, Legal and Technical advisors to assist the delivery of these and later stages of the BSF procurement process. The time

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limit for completing SfC and OBC are prescribed by PfS as being maxima of 28 and 52 weeks after the Remit Date. It will, therefore, shortly become necessary to start incurring costs associated with the SfC and OBC stages. Details of the budget plans for completing the SfC by October 2010 and OBC by March 2011 are attached at Annex A.

- 5.3 Members will recall that the BSF procurement costs, as indicated in paragraph 5.1, were to be funded from one-off funding sources rather than present additional budget pressures to the Council during the process. Whilst a number of potential one-off sources have been identified (including Performance Reward Grant and the Council's Modernisation Fund) any final decision will need to take account of other demands on these funds identified during the budget process. The good progress to date means that the call upon those funding sources needs to be, in part, advanced by some £200,000 in the current year and increased to a maximum of £1.681m for 2010/11 compared to the illustrative figures presented in April 2009. This increase in previously estimated costs is due to Partnerships for Schools non negotiable requirements that detailed technical surveys are undertaken as part of the Outline Business Case at all of the Phase 1 sites and warranted to a financial level acceptable to funding bodies, and also the costs associated with obtaining satisfactory Outline Planning approvals.
- 5.4 Work to conclude the establishment of the joint Local Education Partnership (LEP) with Wirral MBC for BSF is progressing; the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being prepared which will incorporate arrangements for sharing the costs of preparing for the LEP and the later stages of the BSF procurement process. There may be some scope to share a proportion of the cost referred to in paragraph 5.3, however, at this stage until the details of the agreement are finalised the amount cannot be quantified, hence the indication of a maximum budgetary requirement of £1.681m for 2010/11. An update report will be presented to Cabinet when the MoU is completed.
- 5.5 Cabinet have previously been advised that entering the BSF will require a financial commitment from the Council in terms contributing to the costs of construction and refurbishment of the schools in the programme and any additional running costs associated with the community use of the facilities upon completion. The extent of these commitments after the Council enters the full BSF programme cannot be accurately assessed at present but will become more clear during the preparation of the OBC in the coming months and will be reported to Cabinet in due course. Schools will be expected to absorb significant costs in terms of facilitating staffing resources to support the BSF programme and in particular the development of the strand relating to transforming teaching and learning.

6. The Government's Future Spending Plans and the General Election

- 6.1 Partnerships for School have provided the following comment relating to the Government's future spending plans and the General Election:-

"The issue of spending plans post the General Election remains in the headlines and is likely to continue to feature over the coming months. It was announced this week that the Secretary of State Ed Balls has challenged his opposite numbers to a TV debate in the run up to the General Election.

PfS is a delivery agency and as such it is not for us to comment on future governments' spending plans. However, all the major political parties recognise the need to invest in the schools estate, but it is too early to say what these plans will mean for individual capital programmes.

More generally, it should be noted that public sector budgets are set for each of three years in a spending review period. The current spending review period is from 2008-09 to

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2010-11. This does not mean that budgets for capital programmes will not be set beyond March 2011 and the expectation is clear that the programmes will continue to be funded beyond this point. The allocation of funding in the next spending review period will reflect the government's priorities for public expenditure and its agenda for public service delivery.”

- 6.2 Members must be aware that in making this decision there is a risk that the Council will invest these resources in preparing for BSF and this may not result in the allocation of Government resources. This may happen because of changes in government spending plans, local delivery issues and/ or national and local policy changes. However what is certain is that if we do not invest the resource there is little or no chance that this scale of investment could ever be delivered for Sefton. The opportunity to transform communities and education through the programme is massive and at this stage there are no other alternative plans that would realise these outcomes.

7. **Recommendations**

- 7.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) note the update to BSF;
- (ii) endorse the draft Communications and Engagement Strategy;
- (iii) agree to the advance allocation from one-off resources of £200,000 for 2009/10 and up to £1.681m for 2010/11 to complete work on the SfC and OBC.

Sefton MBC Building Schools for the Future – Estimated Procurement Budgets

BSF Stage:	RtD	SfC	SfC/OBC				
Year:	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11				
	Actual	Estimate	Estimate				
	£'000	£'000	£'000				
Interim Project Management	66	93					
Feasibility Studies	78						
Other	16						
Core Management			272				
Recruitment costs		65					
Site surveys (maximum potential cost)			700				
Change management & engagement		50	200				
Marketing etc		29	24				
Technical advice		50	275				
ICT advice		10	55				
Legal advice		16	50				
Financial Advice		8	44				
Client Design advice		3	6				
5% Contingency		16	55				
Sub Total	160	340	1,681				
Less Approved Budget	300						
Forecast Under spend	140						

Legend of BSF Stages:

RtD = Readiness to Deliver

SfC = Strategy for Change

OBC = Outline Business Case

Sefton's Building Schools For the Future
Communication and Engagement Strategy

Overarching Principles and Commitments
to Effective Communication and
Engagement.

Jan 2010

1. Introduction

The Sefton Building Schools For the Future (SBSF) Communication and Engagement Strategy details the underlying principles and methodology that will be used to provide information, consult and engage with children, young people, schools, Parents and key stakeholders involved in the SBSF programme.

The strategy will be developed in three parts.

1. Overarching strategic principles and commitments to effective communication and engagement.
2. Projected communication and engagement activity with associated timescales, milestones and implementation proposals
3. Development of individual school communication and engagement plans developed in partnership with schools involved in the SBFS Programme.

This document is the first part of the overall strategic development of the Communication and Engagement Strategy

The strategy aims to:

- Facilitate a process of open, honest and ongoing communication with children, young people, schools, Parents and other stakeholders who are or will be affected by the BSF programme.
- Ensure that children, young people, schools, Parents and other stakeholders are afforded meaningful opportunities to engage in the SBSF programme at a level and pace, which is appropriate.
- Make sure that barriers to engagement are recognised and that proactive and positive steps are put in place to enable every one to be involved and contribute to the SMBC proposals.
- Generate a positive image and raise awareness of SBSF as a major change programme that will help transform secondary education and the delivery of services in Sefton.
- Encourage good communication and engagement practice based on principles of equality and inclusion.
- Meet the requirements of the Pfs to ensure the SBSF progresses as efficiently as possible.

2. What is BSF?

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) represents a new approach to capital investment. It is bringing together significant investment in buildings and in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) over the coming years to support the Government's educational reform agenda.

The Government is committed to devolve significant funds about £3 billion in 2005-06 to local authorities (LAs) and schools to spend on maintaining and improving their school buildings. But it also wants to promote a step-change in the quality of provision. That is the focus of Building Schools for the Future (BSF).

BSF, worth £2.2 billion in its first year (2005-6) aims to ensure that secondary pupils learn in 21st-century facilities. Investment will be rolled out to every part of England over 15 waves, subject to future public spending decisions.

By 2011, every LA in England will have received funding to renew at least the school in greatest need, many will have major rebuilding and remodelling projects (at least three schools) underway through BSF and the remainder will have received resources through the Academies programme or Targeted Capital Fund.

By 2016, major rebuilding and remodelling projects (at least three schools) will have started in every LA.

Through this investment, BSF aims to drive reform such as Academies, new options at 14-19, provision for special needs and extended schools. Innovation in delivery, through the creation of a national delivery partner for schools and LAs, Partnerships for Schools will bring greater value for money, as well as effective implementation.

This is an exciting and inspirational programme. It is based on strategic partnership between all sections of the educational community.

What is the Vision for Sefton?

BSF will bring significant capital investment (approximately £80 million in phase one) to schools and communities in Sefton. This investment will improve the life chances of children and young people by transforming learning and providing stimulating environments and facilities that can enable every young person to develop their talents and achieve their very best.

BSF will enable us to raise standards and aspirations through a personalised approach to learning to meet the needs of all young people, including those who are vulnerable. This approach to learning will be supported by modern,

sustainable buildings, designed with input from young people themselves, and modern technologies. Through BSF, schools will have the flexible space to support a variety of approaches to learning, including e-learning, and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure to communicate effectively with pupils, parents and the community.

BSF will enable Sefton to progress its Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda by integrating services and building teams of services around children and their families. It will also place schools at the heart of their community by enhancing and providing new opportunities for community use of sports, cultural and leisure facilities.

3. Why should BSF Sefton engage with Stakeholders?

The SBSF Programme believes that true and proactive engagement of our schools, young people, parents, their communities and other stakeholders is crucial to developing a programme that is both responsive to local need and aspiration and able to deliver sustainable new opportunities for students to grow, develop and learn in encouraging and exciting environments to transform teaching and learning and act as a catalyst for regeneration within some of Sefton's most deprived communities. In addition it puts schools at the heart of communities and neighbourhood regeneration encouraging extensions of the traditional school role to one that can provide additional neighbourhood resources in partnership with other key services providers.

It will also ensure we comply and surpass the requirements of Pfs, DCSF and central government as part of the BSF programme. The engagement of schools and other stakeholders brings benefits that cannot be underestimated, most notably

- Local knowledge and information, perspectives and experiences.
- Access to community and social networks that are not immediately obvious or accessible to outsiders.
- Local influence
- Opportunities to develop trust, relationships and partnership working
- An opportunity to develop joint visions and plans and avoid parachuting top down approaches and solutions that are not owned by stakeholders and could be resented.
- Resources

In addition

- Schools and stakeholders who feel involved and valued for that involvement are more likely to be positive about proposals that are developed and presented, reducing the likelihood of conflict.
- Schools and stakeholders bring creativity allowing new and exciting ideas to emerge.
- Involvement can build trust and confidence that has longer-term benefit, which ultimately builds community cohesion.

- Commitment and ownership to ensure the sustainability to the SMBC proposals.

4 Links to the Sefton Borough Partnership Public Engagement and Consultation Framework.

The SBSF programmes commitment to communicate and engage people from the outset using methods, which are as inclusive as possible, will ensure synergy and compliment the Corporate Engagement and Consultation Framework – Your Sefton, Your Say which lays out minimum standards for the way Sefton MBC and its partners will:

- Speak and listen to it's communities
- Identify stakeholders
- Ensure value for money in it's engagement activities
- Make sure information is provided in appropriate formats.
- Record all responses accurately and fairly
- Use information gained from engagement with communities to shape policy and plans
- Evaluate consultation and engagement processes

(Work in progress- Draft Note - Insert reference to Get Involved- Get Informed Strategy to support the participation of children and young people)

5. Who are we trying to communicate with and engage?

School Community

- Head teachers
- Governors
- Educators
- Other staff
- Present students
- Future students
- Diocese
- Current Parents and Carers
- Future Parents and Carers
- Elected Members
- Cabinet member
- Council officers – work stream leads
- Council officers (others)
- Trade Unions

Officers/Elected members

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Community

- Residents
- Area Committee's
- Neighbourhood Forums
- Church
- Vol sector organisations

Partnerships?

- Partnership Board
- Partnerships for Schools
- LSP

Media

- PCT
- Public Service providers

Any Others

- Local Press
- Community Publications
- Trade/ professional publications
- Workstream leads to advise on their specialist workstreams

6 Our commitment to good practice in communication and engaging people

This strategy recognises that communication and engagement processes cannot be prescriptive but they should be appropriate, targeted and use a range of appropriate methods with which people feel comfortable and able to participate. That is why this document does not seek to impose a particular method or delivery mechanism. Our schools and stakeholders are diverse and as such have the right to expect that communication and engagement structures and methods will be tailored to individual communities.

Using a widely accepted model of stakeholder engagement, the Communication and Engagement Strategy will adopt a set of principles and good practice to ensure that barriers, which may prevent people from engaging in the Sefton BSF programme, are recognised and overcome.

Those principles are based on how we will:

- Provide information and communicate
- Consult
- Decide together

Information Provision – Our Commitment

Information provision is the cornerstone for the engagement process. Without it we cannot expect or plan for effective engagement, which in the long term can threaten the successful delivery and sustainability of the BSF programme and the development of Sefton's Local Education Partnership.

In some circumstances information provision on its own is appropriate, however, most people will expect and demand a higher level of involvement. Information on its own provides very little opportunity for involvement but it is appropriate when;

- There is little room for manoeuvre and a particular piece of action has to be followed, for example, when it's a legal requirement.
- An engagement process has just begun and there is promise of more involvement later

Methods that the Sefton BSF Programme will use would include, leaflets mentioning newsletters, posters, presentations, press releases, briefings,

adverts and film, personal contact, letters, email, website, meetings and other ways that maybe developed in response to local need during the lifetime of the programme.

The Sefton BSF Programme will:

- Be open and honest with the information we give.
- Ensure that the information we give uses language and ideas that are familiar to the people we are communicating with. This means we will avoid jargon, and use everyday language.
- Make information available in a range of formats where practical and reasonable, including the use of translation and interpretation services if required.
- Make sure that the information we give is correct, timely and targeted properly
- Recognise that information alone is **not consultation**.
- Provide mechanisms to encourage two way communication and information sharing processes between the BSF Programme, children, young people, schools and wider stakeholders.
- Consider and act upon the responses we receive

Consultation – Our Commitment

This approach will be used when the BSF programme consults on problems or potential solutions and encourage comment and feedback. However, it must be made clear that the decisions that will be made will not rest solely with those people we have consulted.

Consultation has parameters and it's important that this is explained to those people we are wishing to consult with from the outset. Mistrust and misunderstandings will arise unless we are absolutely clear, about the reasons we are consulting and the amount of influence that people are able to have. Consultation will be appropriate if:

- We are looking to improve the services we or our partners deliver
- There is a vision or plan with limited options to change
- There is an opportunity to let the feedback-received influence the choices made.

But consultation is not appropriate when decisions have already been taken and there is no scope for people's feedback to influence or modify things. Methods used to consult people would include (but are not exclusive to), focus groups, surveys, workshops, design groups or consultative meetings.

The Sefton BSF Programme will:

- Consider all those that should be involved and proactively remove barriers that may prevent peoples engagement, This will mean

identifying and meeting the needs of those sections of our community that have been marginalised or excluded because of race, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, etc

- Before consulting, be clear and honest about why consultation is taking place and explain the level of influence that people can have then and in the future.
- Explain to those people being consulted about how decisions will be made and the timescales for feedback.
- Ensure that there is full and easy access to all venues and rooms used for consultation purposes.
- Take account of dates and times of meetings and strive to find suitable times to encourage greatest involvement.
- Recognise the time, resources and commitment that is needed to fully engage people and plan accordingly.
- Ensure that there are plans and resources in place to report back to those people that have been consulted and demonstrate how peoples input has influenced the final outcome.

Deciding Together – Our Commitment

Deciding Together is a process that encourages different SBSF stakeholders to work together to generate ideas and options, choose between them and decide a course of action. Deciding Together techniques are more complex and will require additional time and resources. People may not have the right information or confidence to get involved at the level they wish unless additional support and capacity building measures are put in place. The timescales involved will of course be much longer and should not be underestimated.

Deciding Together is appropriate if

- It's important that stakeholders own the solutions associated with the Sefton BSF Programme
- Fresh ideas and perspectives are needed
- There is enough time to allow people to participate in a real and non-tokenistic way.
- People are willing to value and respect different backgrounds, experiences and views.

Deciding Together is not appropriate if there is little room for manoeuvre and you cannot implement the decisions taken. Methods that could be used include information giving to start the process, identifying who the stakeholders are, discussion groups, focus groups, discussion boards, Planning For Real© and action planning.

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Meeting: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

Date of Meeting: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

Title of Report: WORK PROGRAMME - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN
1 FEBRUARY TO 31 MAY 2010

Report of: S. Tunney
Assistant Chief Executive

Contact Officer: Ruth Harrison
(Telephone No.) 0151 934 2042

This report contains	Yes	No
CONFIDENTIAL Information/		√
EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph(s)..... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (If information <u>is</u> marked exempt, the Public Interest Test must be applied and favour the exclusion of the information from the press and public).		√
Is the decision on this report DELEGATED?	√	

Purpose of Report

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan and to update the Committee on its Work Programme.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
2. That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Working Groups taken to date;
3. that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
4. that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.

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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		√	

Financial Implications

	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011 2012 £
<i>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</i>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

Departments Consulted in the preparation of this Report

None

List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this Report

None

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1. PRE - SCRUTINY - PRIOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS BEFORE THEY GO TO CABINET

- 1.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan. Such items must fall under the remit (Terms of Reference) of this Committee. The latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix A** for this purpose. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.
- 1.2 For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.
- 1.3 ***The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.***

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT WORKING GROUPS

Members are requested to consider progress on reviews being carried out by the Committee's working groups as follows:-

2.1 Corporate Parenting Working Group

The Group met on 21 January 2010 where it was confirmed that they had completed all aspects of the Scoping Document and were in a position to draft the Final Report. The Scrutiny Support Officer will report progress at the Meeting and will confirm the reporting arrangements.

2.2 Youth Centre Focus Group

(Councillor Hands declared a personal interest by virtue of his Daughter being employed as a Youth Worker at the YMCA, Southport)

Members will receive a verbal presentation from the three Area Managers for the Youth Service at the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) on 9 February 2010.

Members of the Committee have completed the following Youth Centre Visits:-

Tuesday 19 January 2010 – North Area (Area Manager – Mushtaq Khan)

Councillors Bradshaw, Dodd and Hands and Mrs S. Cain (Parent Governor Representative)

Dunes Leisure Centre – Activities – Positive Futures and Parenting 2000 for young people with ASHD/Autism.
Meols Cop Youth Centre

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Wednesday 20 January 2010 – Mid Area (Area Manager – John Phillips)

Councillors Bradshaw, Dodd and Hands.

Formby Youth Centre – Youth Activities for young people with Autism Plaza, Crosby – offering a taster session for youths between the ages of 14 and 18 on Media, Editing, film and Animation.

The Chair, Councillor Hands is keen to arrange more visits – The Overview and Scrutiny Officer will write to all Members of the Committee confirming arrangements.

(Please note that other Members of the Committee were unable to attend due to other commitments – Apologies had been received – Information Packs will be forwarded onto those Members in due course).

3. HEALTH INEQUALITIES & SCRUTINY

A. Cross-Cutting Working Group

The Overview & Scrutiny Management Board has recently established a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, membership comprised of the four O&S Chairs.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

B. Scrutiny Development Area

Prior to Christmas 2009, the Centre for Public Scrutiny invited local authorities to bid for Scrutiny Development Area status. The intention being to raise the profile of overview & scrutiny as a tool to promote community well-being and assist councils and their partners in addressing health inequalities within their local community.

Sefton Council has submitted a bid which has been **successful**.

Funding for successful bids will attract a maximum of £5,000 for costs incurred over and above the usual scrutiny support that the local authority provides.

An Expert Advisor will also be placed with each of the successful pilots to help develop the review.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
- 4.2 That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Working Groups taken to date;
- 4.3 that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
- 4.5 that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2010 - 31 MAY 2010

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Officers expect to take during the next four month period. The Plan is rolled forward every month and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

A Key Decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as:

1. any Executive decision that is not in the Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme approved by the Council and which requires a gross budget expenditure, saving or virement of more than £100,000 or more than 2% of a Departmental budget, whichever is the greater;
2. any Executive decision where the outcome will have a significant impact on a significant number of people living or working in two or more Wards

As a matter of local choice, the Forward Plan also includes the details of any significant issues to be initially considered by the Executive Cabinet and submitted to the Full Council for approval.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed below may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each Key Decision, within the time period indicated.

Under the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a Key Decision may not be taken, unless:

- it is published in the Forward Plan;
- 5 clear days have lapsed since the publication of the Forward Plan; and
- if the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet, 5 clear days notice of the meeting has been given.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan in accordance with Rule 15 (General Exception) and Rule 16 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport PR8 1DA or accessed from the Council's website: www.sefton.gov.uk

- Council Constitution
- Forward Plan
- Reports on the Key Decisions to be taken
- The minutes for each Key Decision, which will normally be published within 5 working days after having been made

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Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Cabinet and the individual Cabinet Members which are held at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle or the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport. Video conferencing facilities are available at both venues for the Cabinet Member meetings. The dates and times of the meetings are published on www.sefton.gov.uk or you may contact the Committee and Member Services Section on telephone number 0151 934 2068.

NOTE:

For ease of identification, items listed within the document for the first time will appear shaded.

Caroline Elwood
Legal Director

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SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme To receive an update on Sefton's BSF programme and to seek funding approval for preparation of the Outline Business Case (OBC).			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Direct with Finance and Information Services Director and Strategic Director - Communities			
Method(s) of Consultation	BSF Project Board Finance and Information Services Director Strategic Director - Communities			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	25 November 2009 - BSF: Outcome of the Readiness to Deliver resubmission 25 November 2009 - BSF: Proposed delegation of Decision Making Powers to the Project Board 25 November 2009 - BSF: Appointment of Project Director and Project Manager. 14 January 2010 BSF Staffing update.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	Chris Dalziel, Lynton Green		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		

SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Aintree Davenhill Primary School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Aintree Davenhill Primary School, Aintree under the Primary Capital funding initiative. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Park; Sudell; Molyneux;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tenders for Primary Capital Initiative project at Aintree Davenhill Primary School, Aintree.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		

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Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Birkdale High School; Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Birkdale High School, Southport, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Ainsdale; Birkdale; Cambridge; Dukes; Kew; Meols; Norwood;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tenders for the Diploma Delivery Programme at Birkdale High School.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		

SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Deyes High School, Maghull Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Deyes High School, Maghull, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

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Details of Decision to be taken	Hillside High School, Bootle Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Hillside High School, Bootle under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Derby; Linacre; Litherland; Netherton and Orrell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Maghull High School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Maghull High School, Maghull, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

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Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Lander Road Primary School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Lander Road Primary School, Bootle under the Primary Capital funding initiative. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Ford; Linacre; Litherland;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tender for Primary Capital Initiative project at Lander Road Primary School, Bootle.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	21 December 2009		

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