

MEETING: CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES
DATE: Tuesday 22 June 2010
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Town Hall, Bootle (This meeting will also be video conferenced to the Town Hall, Southport)

Councillor

DECISION MAKER: Moncur
SUBSTITUTE: P Dowd

SPOKESPERSONS: Cuthbertson Preece

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AGENDA

Items marked with an * involve key decisions

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject/Author(s)</u>	<u>Wards Affected</u>
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 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2010	(Pages 5 - 8)
4.	Youth Opportunity Fund Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families	All Wards; (Pages 9 - 12)
5.	Playbuilder Capital Grant : 2010/11 Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families	All Wards; (Pages 13 - 18)
6.	Schools Access Initiative Funding 2010/11 Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families	All Wards; (Pages 19 - 22)
7.	Exclusion of Press and Public To consider passing the following resolution: That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the Press and Public.	

8. **Transformation Programme Update - Senior Management Structure - Children, Schools And Families**

All Wards;

(Pages 23 - 34)

Joint report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families and the Interim Head of Corporate Personnel

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2010. MINUTE NOS. 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Cuthbertson and Preece

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. FINAL REPORT CORPORATE PARENTING WORKING GROUP

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive that formally presented the Final Report of the Corporate Parenting Working Group. A copy of the Final Report was attached as an appendix to the report and indicated that the terms of reference and objectives of the Working Group was to make recommendations to the Cabinet on:

- (1) having a definition and understanding of Corporate Parenting;
- (2) producing a set of guidelines for Councillors and Officers on their role as Corporate Parent;
- (3) scrutinising and commenting upon the Corporate Parenting Strategy; and
- (4) defining a policy for Corporate Parenting.

The Final Report of the Working Group, along with the 20 recommendations contained therein, would be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 10 June 2010.

This was a Key Decision and was included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Final Report of the Corporate Parenting Working Group be noted;
- (2) the Cabinet Member's and Spokespersons' thanks be passed to the members of Overview and Scrutiny Working Group for all their hard work and contributions in complying the report.

5. GENERAL CAPITAL SCHEMES AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for a number of capital schemes at:

- Birkdale High School
- Meols Cop High School
- Greenacre Nursery
- Kings Meadow Primary School

and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the capital schemes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the schemes at Birkdale High School, Meols Cop High School, Greenacre Nursery and Kings Meadow Primary School as detailed within the report be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be requested to include the schemes in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

6. SURE START EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT : QUALITY AND ACCESS 2010/2011 EXTENDED SCHOOLS CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2010/2011

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for a number of capital schemes associated with the Sure Start Early Years programme at:

- English Martyrs Catholic Primary School (Tweenie Tots Nursery), Litherland
- Sandford Pre-School Playgroup, Blundellsands
- Summerhill Primary School (Little Acorns Nursery), Maghull

and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the capital schemes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the schemes at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Sandford Pre-School and Summerhill Primary School as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be requested to include the schemes in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

7. TARGETED CAPITAL FUND : ADDITIONAL SCHEMES 2010/11

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for a number of capital schemes associated with the Targeted Capital Fund at:

- Thornton Primary School, Thornton
- Newfield Special School, Thornton
- Merefield Special School, Southport

and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the capital schemes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the schemes at Thornton Primary School and Newfield and Merefield Special Schools as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be requested to include the schemes in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

8. CHILDREN'S PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2010/11

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for a number of capital schemes associated with the Children's Personal Social Services Capital Allocation at:

- Marie Clark Family Centre, Bootle
- Cherry Road Residential Home, Ainsdale
- Southport Children's Centre
- Kirwan House, Southport

and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the Cabinet Member had delegated powers to approve the capital schemes.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the schemes at Marie Clark Family Centre, Cherry Road Residential Home, Southport Children's Centre and Kirwan House as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be requested to include the schemes in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11

Agenda Item 4

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Children's Services

DATE: 22 June 2010

SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Fund

WARDS AFFECTED: All Sefton

REPORT OF: Peter Morgan
Strategic Director – Children, Schools & Families

CONTACT OFFICER: Jacqui Kerr 0151 934 4941

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet Member Children's Services of the proposed spend of the second round of Youth Opportunities Fund bids in 2010/2011. The total Youth Opportunity Funding for 2010/2011 is £173,100.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Cabinet Member to approve proposed spend of the Youth Opportunities Fund provisionally agreed by the young people on the panel.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve the expenditure of £3951.00 from the Youth Opportunities Fund.
2. Receive further reports on proposed spend for Youth Opportunities Fund in 2010/2011

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the 'call-in' period for the minutes of the Cabinet Member meeting.

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: These developments are in line with the emerging Youth Matters, Every Child Matters and Aiming High for Young People : A Ten Year Strategy for Positive Activities agendas

Financial: This activity is fully funded by Youth Capital Fund and Youth Opportunity Fund grants.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure					
Funded by:					
Sefton Capital Resources					
Specific Capital Resources DfES: Youth Capital Fund	£133,703	£133,703	£149,700	£149,700	£149,700
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>					
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure					
Funded by:					
Sefton funded Resources					
Funded from External Resources DfES: Youth Opportunity Fund	£173,084	£173,084	£173,100	£173,100	£173,100
Does the External Funding have an expiry date?	When?		2011		
How will the service be funded post expiry?					

Legal: N/a

Risk Assessment: N/a

Asset Management: Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that these capital assets remain available to young people in line with the original proposal for funding –LA circular 2006 (LAC2006).

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

IT IS A CONDITION OF GRANT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF THESE FUNDS

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 proposals will encourage integration between all members of the relevant youth provision, staff and outside agencies as appropriate and maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition in to adulthood. All five Every Child Matters outcomes will be supported by the proposals.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN'S SERVICES' TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

Impact will be made on sections of the CYPP, particularly on Making a Positive Contribution by assisting:

1. To develop the Integrated Youth Support Service to maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition to adult life.
2. To consult with children and young people in Sefton, including those who are hard to reach, and communicate how their views improve services.
3. To enhance opportunities for children and young people to be involved in planning, developing and evaluating services and policies that affect their lives.
4. To promote and enhance positive activities for young people in Sefton.
5. To change perceptions of young people.
6. To reduce crime

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT
 Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund guidance notes (ECM change for Children March 2006).

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BACKGROUND:

This is the fourth year of funding from the Youth Opportunities Fund. The following are the bids received for the third round of this financial year's funding which the Youth Opportunity Fund Panel have looked at and agreed. Further reports will be submitted throughout the year for as long as funds remain to update Cabinet Members on the expenditure.

Youth Opportunity Fund - North area

Cherry Road Children's Home	£700.00	A group of 5 young people from the Children's Home would like to buy bikes to enable them to go out and about during the holiday time with staff. 5 young people will benefit in first instance
TOTAL	£700.00	

Youth Opportunity Fund – South Area

LIVO Voices Group, Litherland Youth Centre	£3251.00	A group of 8 young people from a voluntary youth centre have asked for funding for a team building residential for their newly formed Voices group. This will help them to work together and listen to each other. 8 young people will benefit in first instance
TOTAL	£3251.00	

Youth Opportunity Fund: North	£700.00
Youth Opportunity Fund: South	£3251.00
TOTAL	£3951.00
Young people benefiting from bids	13 young people will benefit in first instance

If the proposed schemes are approved, then a balance of £144,870.16 will remain to support further schemes. Information regarding the new Financial Year's funding has been circulated to voluntary youth organisations, Youth Service centres/projects, and further applications are expected.

All funded projects will be required to submit evidence of expenditure and impact of the project. The panel of young people also intends to undertake a series of monitoring visits to assess the success of the programme.

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REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER – CHILDREN’S SERVICES
CABINET

DATE: 22 JUNE 2010
8 JULY 2010

SUBJECT: PLAYBUILDER CAPITAL GRANT: 2010/11

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

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

CONTACT OFFICER: CHRIS DALZIEL (0151 934 3337)

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for proposed schemes, to be funded from the Playbuilder Grant.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, has delegated powers to approve the proposed schemes and to refer them to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & families Capital Programme 2010/11.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member, Children’s Services is recommended to:

- i) approve the proposed schemes;
- ii) refer the funding to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme 2010/11;
- iii) consider whether to refer the revenue allocation of £11,500 for the repairs and maintenance of the three play areas on Council owned land to Cabinet with a request for this amount to be referred to the budget setting process for 2011/12;
- iv) request the Leisure and Tourism Director to progress the schemes on Council-owned land as detailed in this report.

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate.

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

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not appropriate.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: None.

Financial: There are no financial implications for the Council's general resources as all funding is from the 2010/11 Fair Play Playbuilder Grant of £440,174. There are however revenue implications associated with the repair and maintenance of developments on Council owned land as noted at section 4 of the report.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
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?				

Legal: There are no legal implications directly associated with this report.

Risk Assessment: The capital investment may be of reduced long-term benefit to the community if revenue funding is not available for ongoing repair and maintenance of the proposed play areas.

Asset Management: Not appropriate.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD 393 - The Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report.

As detailed in 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 proposals will all contribute towards the Every Child Matters agenda and in particular towards the CYPP targets of:-

- ❖ Reduce health inequalities.
- ❖ Create and maintain an environment where people feel safe.
- ❖ Implement the Integrated Youth Support Service to maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition to adult life.
- ❖ Create a culture and an environment where people can make a positive contribution to their community.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The proposals will also contribute towards the LAA targets of:-

- ❖ Improved health and reduced inequalities.
- ❖ Looked After Children.
- ❖ The health of children and young people.
- ❖ Making a positive contribution.
- ❖ Changing perceptions.
- ❖ Crime.
- ❖ Community involvement.

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

Report to Cabinet Member, Children's Services and Cabinet – 28/30 October 2008 – Fair Play Playbuilder Grant.
 Report to Cabinet Member, Leisure & Tourism and Cabinet - 5/27 November 2008 – Fair Play Playbuilder Programme: Design and Procurement Proposals 2008/09.
 Report to Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families and Cabinet – 25 August/3 September 2009 – Playbuilder Capital Grant: 2009/10.
 Report to Cabinet - 17 December 2010 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13

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PLAYBUILDER CAPITAL GRANT: 2010/11

1. Background

- 1.1 Sefton MBC has received a £440,174 capital grant in 2010/11 as part of the ongoing Playbuilder programme. Members will recall that six schemes were developed in 2008/09 and a further eight schemes in 2009/10.

2. Planning and Preparation for Year 2

- 2.1 Sefton's Play Partnership has invited expressions of interest from all interested parties including Play Partnership Members, Elected Members and Parish Councils. Thirteen expressions of interest have been received, as detailed below, and these were reviewed by the Playbuilder Sub-group, which is part of the Play Strategy Group in Sefton, on 26 May 2010, to consider the bids against criteria in line with the conditions of the grant.

Maghull Town Council - 3 proposals at Glenn Park, Dodds Park and Balls Wood
Aintree Village Parish Council – Harrow Drive
Lydiate Parish Council – Sandy Lane
Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre
One Vision Housing
Liverpool Biennial of Contemporary Art
5 Leisure Services sites:

- Moorside Park, Crosby
- Deansgate Lane Park, Formby
- Hesketh Park, Southport
- Brook Vale Park, Crosby
- Crossens Community Park, Southport

- 2.2 Sefton are required to develop eight new play proposals in 2010/11 and each proposal will receive £55,201 in grant funding.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The following schemes were considered to best meet the criteria and the Cabinet Member, Children, Schools and Families is recommended to approve these schemes.

Maghull Town Council - Glenn Park
Maghull Town Council – Dodds Park
Aintree Village Parish Council – Harrow Drive
Lydiate Parish Council – Sandy Lane
Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre
Sefton Leisure Services – Moorside Park, Crosby
Sefton Leisure Services – Deansgate Lane Park, Formby
Sefton Leisure Services – Crossens Community Park, Southport

4. Ongoing Repair & Maintenance

- 4.1 The repair and maintenance of schemes not in the ownership of Sefton MBC will be the responsibility of the bidders who submitted the Expression of Interest. All such bidders have confirmed their ability to comply with this condition of funding.

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- 4.2 For the Council to progress the Year 3 Play Builder schemes on its own land, as described in this report, it will have to take responsibility for their repair and maintenance. This is likely to be in the region of £11,500 for the three proposed sites. This sum cannot be found from existing budgets within Children Schools and Families or Leisure Services.
- 4.3 The Cabinet Member may wish to refer the £11,500 required for repair and maintenance of the three proposed Council-owned sites, to Cabinet with a request for this amount to be referred to the budget setting process for 2011/12.
- 4.4 If the revenue allocation for repairs and maintenance is not approved the Cabinet Member should be aware that the play areas will have a finite life-span, (unless the opportunity arises to decommission other play areas elsewhere, thereby freeing up funding). If and when equipment becomes vandalised or deteriorates due to excessive use, it may have to be decommissioned. The original investment would therefore have had reduced long-term benefit for the community.
- 4.5 The Cabinet Member will be aware that requests for revenue funding, arising from Phase 1 (£25,400) and Phase 2 (£18,500), to be considered in the budget setting process were referred to Cabinet on 17 December 2009 as possible items for inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Plan in 2011/12 but neither were approved at that time. This has already created a potential shortfall of £43,900.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Cabinet Member, Children's services is recommended to:
- i) approve the proposed schemes;
 - ii) refer the funding to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme 2010/11;
 - iii) consider whether to refer the revenue allocation of £11,500 for the repairs and maintenance of the three play areas on Council owned land to Cabinet with a request for this amount to be referred to the budget setting process for 2011/12;
 - iv) request the Leisure and Tourism Director to progress the schemes on Council-owned land as detailed in this report.

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Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CABINET

DATE: 22 JUNE 2010
8 JULY 2010

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS ACCESS INITIATIVE FUNDING 2010/11

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

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

CONTACT OFFICER: CHRIS DALZIEL (0151 934 3337)

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the allocation of Schools Access Initiative funding.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Cabinet Member has delegated powers to approve the allocation of funding within the 2010/11 Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

- i) approve the allocation of Schools Access Initiative funding as detailed in this report;
- ii) refer the allocation to Cabinet for inclusion in the 2010/11 Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme.

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate.

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

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not appropriate.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: None.

Financial: There are no financial implications for the Council's general resources as all funding is from specific resources (Schools Access Initiative allocation 2010/11). The total cost of schemes detailed in the report is £132,513 and if the schemes are approved then a balance of £170,277 will remain to support further schemes.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
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?				

Legal: Not appropriate.

Risk Assessment: There are no financial risks associated with this report as all funding is from specific resources.

Asset Management: The proposed allocation of funding is in line with the Children, Schools & Families Asset Management Plan.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD 397 - The Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on 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 proposed scheme detailed in this report will link to ensuring integration by contributing towards the following priorities of the CYPP.

- ❖ Create and maintain an environment where people feel safe.
- ❖ Create highly effective, inclusive learning environments for all age groups where learners can enjoy and achieve.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The proposed scheme will have a positive impact on the CYPP targets detailed above and the following LAA targets.

- ❖ Educational achievement and training.
- ❖ The health of children and young people.
- ❖ Changing perceptions.
- ❖ Statutory Education Targets.

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

Report to Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families – 19 January/4 February 2010 – Schools Access Initiative: Proposed Scheme.
 Report to Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families – 13/15 April 2010 – Modernisation Funding: Proposed Scheme at Kew Woods Primary School.

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SCHOOLS ACCESS

1. Background

- 1.1 Sefton MBC has received a Schools Access Initiative capital allocation of £400,790 in 2010/11. Taking into account schemes already approved there remains a balance of £302,790 to support new projects.
- 1.2 The Schools Access Initiative funding provides support for capital projects to improve access to education in mainstream schools for pupils with disabilities and special educational needs.

2. Proposed Schemes

- 2.1 It is proposed to install a lift at Waterloo Primary School to provide access to the upper floor where several of the classrooms are based. A disabled toilet will also be provided on the first floor for use by pupils or staff with physical disabilities. The estimated cost of this proposal is £69,348.
- 2.2 Members will recall that Summerhill Primary School, Maghull, has been designated as a school suitable for children with physical disabilities and the school accommodates a number of such children. A physiotherapy room and hygiene room have been added and it is proposed to make other, relatively minor changes, to make the outdoor environment more accessible to all. The proposal is to increase the door width of a number of rooms and external entrances to make them DDA compliant and to construct a timber ramp to the summer house. Further work will include the construction of a 2m wide pathway for wheelchair access to two of the school's garden areas. The estimated cost of this proposal is £33,165.
- 2.3 It is also proposed to allocate £30,000 to provide improved access to the National Curriculum for pupils at a number of schools across the Borough. This will include provision of specialist furniture such as desks and rise and fall tables and also ICT equipment. Funding may also provide hoists or other specialist facilities for pupils to enable them to attend mainstream schools and promote inclusion within Sefton.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total estimated cost of the schemes detailed in this report is £132,513. If these schemes are approved then a balance of £170,277 will remain to support further schemes.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-
- i) approve the allocation of Schools Access Initiative funding as detailed in this report;
 - ii) refer the allocation to Cabinet for inclusion in the 2010/11 Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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