

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Children's Services
DATE: 22 June 2010
SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Fund
WARDS AFFECTED: All Sefton
REPORT OF: Peter Morgan
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**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.

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.