

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

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**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.

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

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.

- 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.