

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member Children's Services
DATE: 13 July 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 seek approval for the proposed project.

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 £14,407.49 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>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources DfES: Youth Capital Fund	£149,700			
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources DfES: Youth Opportunity Fund	£173,100			
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. Sefton MBC was expecting to receive a Youth Opportunity Grant of £173,100 in 2010/11. However, on 21 May 2010 all local authorities were advised by Government Office of the North West that they would only receive the

funding for the first quarter of the year (£43,275) and that decisions on the availability of the remaining funding would be made in due course. This advice was given in relation to the intention of the new Government to reduce public spending by £6 billion in 2010/11. Ministers will be considering specific programmes in the lead up to the June budget and as a consequence allocations for 2010/11 may be revised. To date £28,229.84 has been agreed in previous rounds. The following is a bid received for this 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 - Mid area

Gordie Girls' Group, Gordon Youth Centre, Netherton	£3,739.49	A group of young women attending a local authority youth centre would like to visit London on a sightseeing/educational weekend. 10 young women will benefit
Crosby Youth Centre	£10,668.00	The young people have asked for funding in order to replace the club kitchen and enable the first floor to be decorated. They feel this will make it a more welcoming and accessible and safer meeting place, and to bring it up to Health and Safety standards. 100+ young people will benefit
TOTAL	£14,407.49	

Youth Opportunity Fund: Mid	£14,407.49
TOTAL	£14,407.49
Young people benefiting from bids	110 young women will benefit

If the proposed scheme is approved, then a balance of £637.67 for the first quarter's funding will remain. Information regarding the new Financial Year's funding has been circulated to voluntary youth organisations, Youth Service centres/projects, but further applications will only be progressed if the remaining allocation is confirmed by the Department of Education.

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.

