

**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES  
CABINET

**DATE:** 16 NOVEMBER 2010  
25 NOVEMBER 2010

**SUBJECT:** PRESFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL - SPECIALIST SCHOOL  
STATUS:

**WARDS  
AFFECTED:** MEOLS WARD

**REPORT OF:** PETER MORGAN  
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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek approval for the scheme detailed in this report.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The Cabinet Member has delegated powers to approve the scheme and to refer the funding to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

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

**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 capital resources as all funding is from specific resources. The total cost of the scheme is £40,000 which will be funded from the Specialist Schools Programme grant (£20,000) and a further £20,000 from sponsorship raised by the school. The Specialist Schools Grant will finance the increase in capital expenditure as shown in the table below.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	20,000			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
Specialist Schools Grant	20,000			
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** In line with the School's Asset Management Plan.

## CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Headteacher and Governors at Presfield Special School have been fully consulted.

The Department for Education has approved the capital scheme.

FD 535 - The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT Strategy 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 scheme, detailed in this report, will contribute towards creating highly effective, inclusive learning environments for all age groups where learners can enjoy and achieve.

## IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The proposal is in line with the partnership vision of 'working together to ensure children, young people and families are safe, healthy and achieve their potential'. The scheme will make a positive contribution to the CYPP priorities of:-

- ❖ narrowing the gap;
- ❖ think family and community;
- ❖ Safeguarding;
- ❖ Resourcing.

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

None.

## **SPECIALIST SCHOOL STATUS: PRESFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Secretary of State has designated Presfield Special School as a Specialist College with a specialism in SEN Communication and Interaction with effect from 1 September 2010.
- 1.2 The grant funding applied for was £100,000 with a further £20,000 to be generated by the school, in unconditional sponsorship in cash or relevant goods. However, as a result of Government spending cuts, the Department for Education have confirmed that the grant has been reduced from £100,000 to £20,000 and the school has reduced its plans accordingly.

### **2. Proposed Scheme**

- 2.1 The school proposes to create a new sensory room at an estimated cost of £12,000 and a further £4,000 to provide new doors and a security system around the Community Room which will improve pupil safety. A new accessible toilet will also be created at a cost of £4,000.
- 2.2 The £20,000 sponsorship, raised by the school, will pay for an upgrade to the ICT system (£14,000), the refurbishment of the Community Room (£2,000) and will provide laptops and electronic notebooks for pupil use (£4,000).
- 2.3 The Governors have informed the Authority that, following the designation, the name of school will be changed to Presfield High School and Specialist College.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-
  - i). approve the proposed scheme, detailed in this report;
  - ii). refer the funding to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme 2010/11.