

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

DATE: 7 DECEMBER 2010
16 DECEMBER 2010

SUBJECT: SURE START EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT:
QUALITY AND ACCESS 2010/11: UPDATE

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** ALL WARDS

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the approved schemes and to seek approval for additional schemes.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

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

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

- i). note the update on previously approved schemes;
- ii). approve the proposed additional schemes;
- iii). 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. Proposals will be funded from the Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant 2010/11.

<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: None.**Risk Assessment:** There are no financial risks associated with this report as all funding is from specific resources.**Asset Management:** Not appropriate.**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

FD564 - The Head of Corporate Finance and Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on the 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 contribute to the Extended Schools agenda, which integrates the five elements of the Every Child Matters agenda. The proposals will also link to the following CYPP priorities:

- ❖ 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;
- ❖ 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 have a positive impact on and contribute to the five CYPP targets and the following LAA targets.

- ❖ Educational achievement and training;
- ❖ Health of children and young people;
- ❖ Making a positive contribution;
- ❖ Community involvement;
- ❖ Statutory education targets.

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

- ❖ Report to Cabinet Member and Cabinet – 1/10 June 2010 – Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant: Quality and Access 2010/11.
- ❖ Report to Cabinet Member and Cabinet – 13/15 April 2010 – Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant: Quality and Access 2010/11.

SURE START EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT: QUALITY AND ACCESS 2010/11: UPDATE

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that Sefton MBC received a £960,958 Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant (EYCG): Quality and Access in 2010/11.
- 1.2 All funding was allocated to provide improvements in 20 Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) settings. The majority of these schemes are progressing well with some already completed.
- 1.3 This is a ring-fenced grant.

2. Additional Proposals

- 2.1 Savings have been made on some of the schemes due either to favourable market prices or slight modifications to original approved schemes.
- 2.2 This has resulted in savings of approximately £105,000. It is proposed to reconsider the scheme put forward by JETS Out of School Club which will provide much improved accommodation for pupils, aged 3 to 14, using this facility at the start and end of the school day. The rooms will be renovated with accessible provision for children with physical disabilities which is not currently available and the opportunities for physical play will be extended.
- 2.3 The JETS proposal is estimated at £90,000 leaving a balance of £15,000. It is proposed to provide external play equipment at a number of PVI settings and any further savings as approved schemes will also be used in this way. The Sefton Early Years Childcare Quality and Inclusion Service will work with the PVI settings to ensure that equipment will help to develop creative learning spaces and have a direct impact on outcomes, achievements and attainments.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-
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