

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member, Children's Services
Cabinet
Council

DATE: 7 December 2010
16 December 2010
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SUBJECT: Sefton City Learning Centres: Capital Redevelopment
Funding

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** All Wards

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 expenditure of this grant.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

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

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

- i). approve the proposed expenditure, to be funded entirely from specific resources, and
- ii). refer the expenditure to Cabinet and Council for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

The Cabinet and Council are recommended to approve the proposed expenditure, to be funded entirely from specific resources and include the expenditure with 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 and all proposals will be funded from the City Learning Centres (CLCs) capital grant 2010/11 as detailed below and from the same grant in 2009/10.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	150,000	150,000		
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
CLC Capital Redevelopment Funding	150,000	150,000		
<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 arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: There are no risks associated with this report as all funding is from specific resources.

Asset Management: Not appropriate.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD566 - 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 towards creating highly effective, inclusive learning environments for all age groups.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The proposals will have a positive impact on the following targets:-

- Educational achievement and training;
- Making a positive contribution;
- Statutory education targets;

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

Report to Cabinet Member and Cabinet – 4/20 May 2010: Sefton CLC: Capital Redevelopment Funding.

SEFTON CITY LEARNING CENTRES: CAPITAL REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that Sefton MBC was allocated a Capital Redevelopment Grant of £300,000 in 2009/10 and again in 2010/11 to allow for the continued development of the two City Learning Centres (CLCs) based at Ainsdale Hope CE High School and Savio Salesian College.
- 1.2 Although a report in May 2010 detailed proposed expenditure of the 2009/10 allocation this was never fully actioned due to the uncertain future of the CLCs which will cease to function in December 2010. A total of £261,081 from the 2009/10 allocation remains unspent.
- 1.3 Representations were made to Partnerships for Schools (PfS) to request that this funding be carried forward into the current financial year and a response to this request was received on 24 November 2010. PfS have confirmed that the £261,081 can be carried forward into 2010/11 but must be expended by 31 March 2011. The total funding available in 2010/11 is therefore £561,081.
- 1.4 The 2010/11 capital redevelopment grant of £300,000 was released to the local authority by Becta (British Education, Communication, Technology Agency) following submission and approval of an Annual Performance Agreement (APA), which detailed the local priorities for supporting the use of technology in teaching and learning.
- 1.5 The Annual Performance Agreement (APA) focussed on the effective use of technology to promote equality, aspiration, motivation and achievement through enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in a range of settings and in response to the Every Child Matters agenda.
- 1.6 The CLC capital redevelopment grant is limited to structural changes to the building, computer hardware and related software and training bought as a single package and software, including upgrades, (but not subscriptions). It must not be used to pay for consumables, staffing or other non-CLC purposes. In addition, this money must not be shared out amongst partner schools. The 2010/11 funding, which is ring-fenced must be expended by 31 August 2011.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Following dialogue with Becta, it is agreed that the local authority can spend CLC capital redevelopment funding on portable or semi-portable ICT equipment which is used to support outreach work in schools but not to provide static equipment or infrastructure upgrades for the school which could not conceivably be returned to the local authority at some future

date. Ownership of this hardware or software would remain with the Local Authority and not the target schools.

- 2.2 It is proposed that the CLC Capital Redevelopment funding is used to purchase a range of innovative ICT equipment that can be used to support schools in transforming teaching and learning across all national curriculum stages.
- 2.3 It is anticipated that the proposed investment will encourage wider access and use of technology for Sefton schools delivering Foundation Stage, Primary and Secondary curriculum and Further Education.
- 2.4 The Local Authority will engage with schools through SASH (Sefton Association of Secondary Heads) and SAPH (Sefton Association of Primary Heads) groups to agree an appropriate portfolio of ICT equipment that will support all schools to improve their use of technology.
- 2.5 The Local Authority will also engage with schools through SASH (Sefton Association of Secondary Heads) and SAPH (Sefton Association of Primary Heads) groups to agree a mechanism for allocation of ICT equipment.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-
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