

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Children's Services
Cabinet

DATE: 8 February 2011
17 February 2011

SUBJECT: Aiming High For Disabled Children - Additional Schemes

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** All

REPORT OF: Peter Morgan
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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 Aiming High for Disabled Children Capital Allocation.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Cabinet Member has delegated powers to approve the proposed schemes and to refer the funding to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children's Services Capital Programme 2010/11.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

- (i) approve the proposed schemes detailed in this report;
- (ii) refer the funding for the proposed schemes 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 i.e. the Aiming High for Disabled Children allocation.

<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: Not appropriate.

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

Consultation has taken place with young people with disabilities and their families.

FD 617 - 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 Aiming High for Disabled Children Capital Grant will contribute towards the following CYPP priorities.

- ❖ Reduce health inequalities.
- ❖ 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'S SERVICES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The following priorities of the LAA will be supported positively by the proposals:-

- ❖ Improved health and reduced inequalities.
- ❖ Improving the quality of life of older people and vulnerable groups.
- ❖ Educational achievement and training.
- ❖ The health of children and young people.
- ❖ Changing perceptions.

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

Report to Cabinet Member/Cabinet – 15 September 2009/ 1 October 2009: Aiming High for Disabled Children: Proposed Scheme.

Report to Cabinet Member/Cabinet – 04/20 May 2010: Aiming High for Disabled Children: Additional Schemes.

AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN: ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that Sefton has been allocated a capital grant of £391,100 in 2009/10 to support the Government's Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) programme. The aim is to provide support for families with disabled children to enable them to live ordinary family lives as a matter of course.
- 1.2 Taking into account existing approved schemes there remains £75,589 available to support new schemes. The funding is ringfenced and has to be expended by 31 March 2011.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed to allocate a further £10,000 towards the Short Breaks lounge at Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre which will allow the flexibility required to provide short breaks for families with disabled children.
- 2.2 The balance of £65,589 will be spent on additional playground equipment for disabled children that is currently unavailable in any of Sefton's parks. Examples of such equipment are wheel chair accessible roundabouts and wheel chair swings. Other examples include outdoor sensory play equipment suitable for disabled children, which can be located in either playground spaces or the pinewoods etc. Again this type of equipment would include pieces that are not currently available in Sefton such as outdoor drum sets, talking flowers, convex and concave mirror panels and Talking Bob (A very simple idea that is completely child powered - no batteries or main power required. Children giggle and laugh as Bob repeats what they say to him in a funny voice. Bob is of all metal construction and virtually indestructible).

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-
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