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<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet Council	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 December 2012 24 January 2012
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**Subject:** Capital Maintenance Grant 2012/13 - Additional Schemes

<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Young People & Families	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Blundellsands, Litherland, Manor, Park, Ravenmeols & St Oswald
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**Is this a Key Decision?** No                      **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Exempt/Confidential?** No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the increase in Children's Services Capital funding provision in order to proceed with the schemes detailed in this report.

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **Cabinet is recommended to:-**

- Approve the allocation of £536,250 to the proposed schemes to be funded from Capital Maintenance Grant which is included within the Capital Programme 2012/13;
- Authorise the Director of Young People and Families to progress the projects in conjunction with Capita Symonds;
- Recommend Council to approve the addition of the identified schemes totalling £536,250 into the Capital Programme.

#### **Council is recommended to:-**

- Agree to the Cabinet recommendation to include the schemes identified in this report, at a cost of £536,250, into the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

**How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	✓		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People	✓		
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The recommendation is made in accordance with the Authority's constitution.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

There are no revenue implications.

**(B) Capital Costs**

All funding for the proposed schemes is from the Capital Maintenance Grant and consists of the remaining unallocated balance of funding from the 2012/13 Department for Education Capital allocation.

**Implications:**

The following implications of the proposals have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal</b>	
Final approval for new projects within the Capital Programme is required from Cabinet and Full Council under Paragraph 31 of Chapter 11 of the Constitution.	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
N/A	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

It is not anticipated that the additional works will lead to any impact upon services.

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT Strategy (FD 1948/12) has been consulted and would confirm the balance of unallocated Capital allocations is as stated in the report (£536,250).

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 1265/12) has been consulted and has incorporated changes to Legal implications.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

Not applicable.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting.

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**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **Capital Maintenance Grant 2012-13: Additional Schemes**

### **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 A Government Capital Grant allocation totalling £3,198,000 was received in 2012/13 in respect of Children's Services. This comprised Basic Need Grant (£781,000) and Capital Maintenance Grant (£2,417,000).
- 1.2 Subsequently Cabinet and Full Council, at the meetings held on 24 May 2012 and 5 July 2012 respectively, considered a report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT and approved an interim allocation of £2,661,750 to meet Children's Services existing commitments and urgent requirements.
- 1.3 The £536,250 funding balance remains available and Members are asked to consider the recommendations within this report and approve the allocation of the funding balance in order to meet Children's Services outstanding priority requirements.

### **2.0 Proposals**

#### **2.1 Lydiate Primary School**

The heating pipework at this school is in poor condition and is prone to leaks. When a leak occurs repairs can not be remedied quickly due to the presence of asbestos within the ducts. It is therefore necessary to adopt a planned approach from the removal of the asbestos and replacement of the heating pipework.

- 2.2 Funding of £57,000 was provided within the 2012/13 approved new starts programme to carry out the most urgent elements of these planned works. However, during these works and following the recent commencement of the heating season, it has become apparent that elsewhere pipework has deteriorated further than anticipated. Temporary measures have been put in place to extend the life of the pipework but works to affect a permanent solution are now urgent.

- 2.3 It is proposed that a further phase of planned asbestos removal and pipework replacement work be progressed as soon as possible. The estimated cost of these works is £150,000.

#### **2.4 Crosby High School**

Phase 1 of the additional accommodation required at Crosby High School was reported for inclusion in the Capital Programme 5 July 2012. This additional accommodation was required at the school as a result of the cancellation of the BSF programme, which was to resolve 3 classrooms/45 pupils being educated off site. Phase 1 has been completed September 2012.

- 2.5 Phase 2 will address issues of sufficiency, suitability and Health & Safety with regard to the hall. The school has only one hall which serves as the dining hall, sports hall and link corridor. The impact of this one space being utilised for all three functions impacts on the management of the school and lessons for the pupils, which are limited in time and constant interruptions by staff and pupils

needing to pass through.

- 2.6 The school has a purpose built hydrotherapy pool which is not utilised by pupils but is maintained at a high cost to the school for a limited amount of external organisations. The school now consider this a financial burden and are considering closing the facility as alternative provision is available in the area.
- 2.7 Phase 3 is to provide an external link corridor between two main corridors thus by-passing the hall. All areas of the school can be linked without disturbing the activities in the hall.
- 2.8 Included in Phase 3 is the alterations to the existing heating plant to Hydrotherapy pool to include the new Sports Hall.
- 2.9 Create an additional corridor to aid circulation around the school.
- 2.10 Roof repairs - Various Schools  
The annual condition review of school premises has identified roofing problems to a number of schools throughout the borough.
- 2.11 The schools where the works are of the highest priority, and where failure to address the condition now could result in serious failure, are Grange Primary, Netherton; Linacre Primary, Bootle; Redgate Primary, Formby; Valewood Primary, Crosby and Netherton Moss Primary, Netherton.
- 2.12 The proposed additional works, together with their estimated costs, are set out in annexe 1 to this report.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 A report identifying a number of proposed schemes to be included in the Children's Services 2012/13 Capital Programme was reported to Cabinet and Council in May 2012, which resulted in a partial allocation of Capital Maintenance Grant, leaving an unallocated balance of £536,250.
- 3.2 The estimated costs of the schemes in this report have been provided by the Council's consultant, Capita Symonds and are inclusive of all fees and contingencies where appropriate.
- 3.3 There are no financial implications for the Council as the schemes, if approved, will be funded from the remaining Capital Maintenance Grant of £536,250, resulting in a full allocation of the Grant.
- 3.4 The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD 1948/12) comments that all the proposed schemes outlined in this report can be fully funded from specific resources.

**Table of Additional Condition Works**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Lydiate Primary	Lydiate Primary	Ducts & Asbestos	£150,000
Crosby High	Crosby High	Heating Plant Alterations	£140,000
	Crosby High	Link Corridor	£85,000
Various Schools	Grange Primary	Roof Repairs	£40,000
	Linacre Primary	Roof Repairs	£18,000
	Redgate Primary	Roof Repairs	£40,000
	Valewood Primary	Roof Repairs	£11,250
	Netherton Moss Primary	Roof Repairs	£52,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£536,250</b>