

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member – Children, Schools & Families  
**DATE:** 19 January 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Youth Opportunity Fund  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** All Sefton  
**REPORT OF:** Peter Morgan  
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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet Member Children's Services of the proposed spend of the final round of Youth Opportunities Fund bids in 2009/2010.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The Cabinet Member to approve proposed spend of the Youth Opportunities Fund provisionally agreed by the young people on the panel.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve the expenditure of £35,314.85 from the Youth Opportunities Fund. No further funding remains.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the 'call-in' period for the minutes of the Cabinet Member meeting.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:****IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** These developments are in line with the emerging Youth Matters, Every Child Matters and Aiming High for Young People : A Ten Year Strategy for Positive Activities agendas

**Financial:** This activity is fully funded by Youth Capital Fund and Youth Opportunity Fund grants; full details have been included in previous reports.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2006/ 2007 £</b>	<b>2007/ 2008 £</b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources DfES: Youth Capital Fund	£133,703	£133,703	£149,700	£149,700
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources DfES: Youth Opportunity Fund	£173,084	£173,084	£173,100	£173,100
Does the External Funding have an expiry date?	When?		2010	
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** N/a

**Risk Assessment:** N/a

**Asset Management:** Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that these capital assets remain available to young people in line with the original proposal for funding –LA circular 2006 (LAC2006).

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS****FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**IT IS A CONDITION OF GRANT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF THESE FUNDS**

### 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 encourage integration between all members of the relevant youth provision, staff and outside agencies as appropriate and maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition in to adulthood. All five Every Child Matters outcomes will be supported by the proposals.

### IMPACT UPON CHILDREN'S SERVICES' TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

Impact will be made on sections of the CYPP, particularly on Making a Positive Contribution by assisting:

1. To develop the Integrated Youth Support Service to maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition to adult life.
2. To consult with children and young people in Sefton, including those who are hard to reach, and communicate how their views improve services.
3. To enhance opportunities for children and young people to be involved in planning, developing and evaluating services and policies that affect their lives.
4. To promote and enhance positive activities for young people in Sefton.
5. To change perceptions of young people.
6. To reduce crime

<b>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT</b> Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund guidance notes (ECM change for Children March 2006).
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**BACKGROUND:**

This is the third year of funding from the Youth Opportunities Fund. The following are the bids received for the final round of this financial year's funding. To date, £137,785.15 has been granted in the previous rounds.

**Youth Opportunities Fund - North area**

Year 11 Leavers, Birkdale Youth Centre	£1285.00	A group of young men would like funding to enable 15 young men to go on a residential in March 2010 to include physical outdoor activities. <b>15 young people will benefit</b>
Youth Acts International, Meols Cop Youth Centre	£3000.00	A group of young people would like funding for 8 of them to attend an international youth conference in Germany in March 2010. The conference will be around issues both national and international. The funding is for the cost of the flights. <b>15 young people will benefit in the long run</b>
Joint Learning, Joint Learning Management and Training Service	£3751.20	A group of 4 young people from a range of backgrounds, some requiring support with social and learning needs, are requesting funding to enable them to go on a self-catering adventure holiday in the New Year. This will be a valuable team building exercise for the group and will help them build confidence and trust as well as providing healthy exercise and a chance to learn new skills. <b>30 young people will benefit overall</b>
Young and Board, Parenting 2000	£1963.50	A group of young people, who represent a larger group who currently skateboard one night a week, would like funding to develop a new skateboard park in Southport. They would like to visit an established skateboard park in Scarborough with part of the funding. They will achieve an ASDAN qualification. <b>1000 + young people will benefit overall</b>
Sefton and North West Zimbabwean Association – Youth Group	£2749.97	A boroughwide voluntary sector youth group would like funding to enable them to campaign for the safety and cleanliness of the area surrounding Southport Pier, which would include zebra crossings, lighting, wheelchair access. They would like to visit Blackpool to compare it with Southport, as well as mounting a publicity campaign and holding a celebration evening at the end of the project. <b>35 young people in all will play some part in the project</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12.749.67</b>	

### Youth Opportunity Funding - Mid

Healthy Eating Competition, Stafford Moreton Youth Centre	£1300.00	A group of 10 young people would like to fund a healthy cooking competition involving other youth centres. The funding will buy t shirts, chefs' hats, medals, trophies and food. <b>18 young people will take part from the 3 areas.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1300.00</b>	

### Youth Opportunity Funding - South

TYS Girls, Targeted Youth Support Group	£2097.57	A group of young women from hard to reach areas and have been referred to the group for support, are asking for funding for a weekend away in the Lakes. This would 'reward' them for continued support at their group sessions, and they would also spend some of the funding on toiletries and basic clothing which some of them would not be able to afford and would exclude them from the trip. <b>8 young women will benefit.</b>
Bike Project, Catch 22 (Young Inclusion Project)	£1585.00	A group of young people who attend a youth inclusion project and who are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Asdan Award. They recycle bikes and give them back to the community. They would like the funding to go on a residential to celebrate the completion of their awards. <b>8 young people will benefit</b>
Monday Night's Lads' Group, Christ Church Community Centre, Bootle	£2172.00	A group of young men who undertake the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in a voluntary youth group would like funding for equipment such as walking boots and waterproofs which can be used by themselves and future groups. <b>13 young men will benefit in the first instance</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5854.57</b>	

### Youth Opportunity Funding - Boroughwide

Media Group, Sefton Youth Service	£13,410.61	A group of young people representing the young people of Sefton want to put a double page spread in all the free and charged for newspapers in order to increase the positive image of young people. They also want training on compiling, editing and producing the spread and will purchase an Apple Mac and software to help them. <b>6 young people will benefit</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,410.61</b>	

Youth Opportunity Fund: North	<b>£12,749.67</b>
Youth Opportunity Fund: Mid	<b>£1,300.00</b>
Youth Opportunity Fund: South	<b>£5,854.57</b>
Youth Opportunity Fund: Boroughwide	<b>£13,410.61</b>
Additional expenditure of bills unpaid from 2008/09	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£35,314.85</b>
<b>Young people benefiting from bids</b>	<b>1141 young people will benefit in the first instance</b>

This completes the spend of the total funding for 2009/2010.

All funded projects will be required to submit evidence of expenditure and impact of the project. The panel of young people also intends to undertake a series of monitoring visits to assess the success of the programme.

