

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 4 FEBRUARY 2010

SUBJECT: PLAYBUILDER CAPITAL GRANT 2009/2010 - ADDITIONAL SCHEME

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on schemes to be funded from the Playbuilder Capital Grant and to seek approval for an additional scheme and for a change to a previously approved scheme.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, has delegated powers to approve the additional proposed scheme.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, is recommended to:-

- (i) note the update to previously approved schemes;
- (ii) approve the additional scheme;
- (iii) approve the change to and reallocation of funding from a previously approved scheme as detailed in this report.

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Member meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:** None.**Financial:** There are no financial implications for the Council's general resources as all funding is from the Playbuilder Grant 2009/2010.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
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**

The proposals have been fully considered by the Playbuilder subgroup.

FD 293 - The Finance and Information Services Director 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 proposals will all contribute towards the Every Child Matters agenda and in particular towards the CYPP targets of:-

- ❖ Reduce health inequalities.
- ❖ Create and maintain an environment where people feel safe.
- ❖ Implement the Integrated Youth Support Service to maximise opportunities for young people in Sefton and support transition to adult life.
- ❖ 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 also contribute towards the LAA targets of:-

- ❖ Improved health and reduced inequalities.
- ❖ Looked After Children.
- ❖ The health of children and young people.
- ❖ Making a positive contribution.
- ❖ Changing perceptions.
- ❖ Crime.
- ❖ Community involvement.

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

Report to Cabinet Member, Children's Services, Cabinet Member, Leisure Services and Cabinet 12/25 August and 3 September 2009 – Playbuilder Capital Grant: 2009/2010.

PLAYBUILDER CAPITAL GRANT 2009/2010: ADDITIONAL SCHEME

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that schemes totalling £381,295 of the 2009/2010 Playbuilder Grant were approved by Cabinet on 3 September 2009, leaving £9,204 uncommitted.
- 1.2 Five of the approved schemes are being managed by Sefton Leisure Services at Deerbarn Park, Netherton, Victoria Park, Crosby, Bedford Park, Southport, South Park, Bootle and The Botanic Gardens, Southport.
- 1.3 Three further schemes were approved, to be managed by Hightown Parish Council (Thornbeck Road, Hightown), One Vision Housing (Elswick Road Estate, Marshside) and Parenting 2000 (Alchemy Site, Mornington Road, Southport).

2. Update

- 2.1 The Leisure Services schemes are progressing well and will be completed by the end of the financial year.
- 2.2 The scheme at Thornbeck Road, Hightown will now be managed by Leisure Services with the agreement of the Hightown Parish Council and this scheme is progressing well.
- 2.3 The Parenting 2000 scheme has encountered some delays but their representatives have given assurances that this scheme will be completed by 31 March 2010.
- 2.4 The One Vision Housing scheme has not been sufficiently developed to be progressed and it is proposed to redirect the £30,000 of £50,000 funding for this scheme to refurbish and develop the existing 'traditional' play area at North Park, Bootle (which was allocated as a 'reserve scheme' in the Year 2 Play Builder assessments) and other minor works to play areas in Sefton.

The remaining £20,000 will be used to improve and enhance the Year 2 Leisure Services play builder sites. These amendments to the original programme have been approved by the Play Council.

- 2.5 It is proposed to allocate the remaining unallocated £9,204 to further develop the proposals at Victoria Park, Crosby and South Park, Bootle.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, is recommended to:-
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