

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES

DATE: 13TH APRIL 2010

SUBJECT: Discretionary Awards Determination 2010-11

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

REPORT OF: GRAHAM TAYLOR, BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES
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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To ask the Cabinet Member to make a determination in relation to discretionary grant-making powers for 2010-11 academic year

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

In order to retain the power to make discretionary awards to post 16 students in schools and Specialist Colleges, plus the remaining Local Authority Higher Education student finance applications, it is necessary to make an annual determination before April 1st of the year in question.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The cabinet member is asked to make the following determinations under the School Standards and Frameworks Act 1998 and the Local Authority (Post Compulsory Education Awards) regulations.

1. To decide to exercise power to make awards to new Further Education applicants (including those with Special Needs) generally and to consider applications from all students, but in accordance with existing policies on eligibility.
2. To decide to exercise power to make awards to post-16 pupils generally and to consider applications from all students, but in accordance with current policies on eligibility.
3. To make awards to the remaining Higher Education student finance applicants in accordance with current policies on eligibility.

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:** None.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
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: N/A.**Risk Assessment:** N/A**Asset Management:** N/A**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

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:

Not applicable.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

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- 3.1 Parents and Carers receive support in helping their children Enjoy and achieve.**
- 3.4 Children and Young People are enabled and encouraged to attend and enjoy school and achieve highly.**

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT None

ANNUAL DETERMINATION TO RETAIN DISCRETIONARY GRANT MAKING POWERS

1. Background

- 1.1 Under the terms of the legislation referred to above, LA's are required to make an annual determination in order to retain the power to make discretionary awards to students in the Higher Education and the Further Education sectors, and to post 16 students in schools.
- 1.2 Due to the Government centralisation of the Student Loans application process, all first and second year applicants in 2010 will apply directly to the Student Loans Company via Student Finance England. Sefton will continue to administer and make awards for returning third year students only.
- 1.3 This report does not propose any changes to the Authority's criteria for granting discretionary major awards, or to the eligibility criteria for Learner Support Funds to post 16 students in Sefton schools.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 Any discretionary awards that are made as a result of this determination will be approved under the terms of the existing policy, or by an appeal in the usual way.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 By approving the recommendation, the Cabinet Member will simply be retaining the power to make new discretionary awards in accordance with existing agreed policies and budgets.