

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES
CABINET

DATE: 4 MAY 2010
20 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN: ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

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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.

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. If the proposed schemes are approved then a balance of £78,700 will remain in the Aiming High for Disabled Children Capital Grant to support further schemes.

<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**

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.

AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN: ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that Sefton has been allocated a total of £558,700 Capital Grant 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 the existing approved scheme at the Netherton Activity Centre there remains £158,700 available to support new schemes.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed to expend £60,000 to enable adaptations to be made to the new constructed Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre to allow the flexibility required to provide short breaks for families with disabled children. These changes will include the provision of a children's lounge and youth activity area, ceiling tracking in some of the bedrooms and specialist changing beds.
- 2.2 It is proposed to use a further £20,000 to purchase small capital items such as changing beds and hoists for existing facilities and services, such as Sefton Leisure Centres, to make them more widely accessible to the target families.
- 2.3 If these proposals are approved then £78,700 will remain to support further schemes. The AHDC Steering Group is consulting with the Parents Forum on a number of additional capital schemes and these will be reported to Members for approval at the appropriate time.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 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.