

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

**DATE:** 1 JUNE 2010  
10 JUNE 2010

**SUBJECT:** SURE START EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT: QUALITY  
AND ACCESS 2010/2011  
EXTENDED SCHOOLS CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2010/2011

**WARDS AFFECTED:** BLUNDELLSANDS, FORD AND SUDELL WARDS

**REPORT OF:** PETER MORGAN  
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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the proposed schemes.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, has delegated powers to approve the proposed schemes detailed in this report and refer them to Cabinet for inclusion in the Children, Schools & Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

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

- (i) approve the proposed schemes;
- (ii) refer the funding 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. The total value of the schemes is £606,139 which will be funded from the Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant and the Extended Schools Allocation 2010/2011.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** None.

**Risk Assessment:** There are no financial risks associated with this report as all funding is from specific resources.

**Asset Management:** The proposals are in line with the Children, Schools & Families Asset Management Plan.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

FD 379 - The Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services 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 contribute to the Extended Schools agenda, which integrates the five elements of the Every Child Matters agenda. The proposals will also link to the following CYPP priorities:

- ❖ Create and maintain an environment where people feel safe;
- ❖ 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, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:

The proposals will have a positive impact on and contribute to the five CYPP targets and the following LAA targets.

- ❖ Educational achievement and training;
- ❖ Health of children and young people;
- ❖ Making a positive contribution;
- ❖ Community involvement;
- ❖ Statutory education targets.

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

Report to Cabinet Member & Cabinet 13/15 April 2010: Extended School Capital Allocation 2010/2011  
Report to Cabinet Member & Cabinet 13/15 April 2010: Sure Start Early Years & Childcare Grant: Quality and Access 2010/2011

**SURESTART EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT: QUALITY AND ACCESS 2010/2011**  
**EXTENDED SCHOOLS CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2010/2011**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Sefton MBC has received a £960,958 Sure Start Early Years and Childcare Grant (EYCG): Quality and Access 2010/11 and a further £237,019 as an Extended Schools Capital Grant 2010/11.
- 1.2 Taking into account the schemes already approved by Members a balance of £489,120 and £117,019 remain in the EYCG grant and Extended Schools Grant respectively, giving a total of £606,139 available to support further schemes.

**2. Proposals**

- 2.1 A proposal is being developed to relocate Tweenie Tots Nursery from their current location in the Parish Hall adjacent to English Martyrs Church, Litherland, to accommodation within English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, currently used by the school nursery class. The Parish Hall is not fit for purpose and the refurbishment of the school nursery area will coincide with the development of new accommodation and remodelling at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School. The changes to the school accommodation will be funded from the school's DFC and capital allocations available to VA schools and is not detailed further in this report.
- 2.2 The external space connected to the proposed Tweenie Tots accommodation will be redesigned and landscaped to provide an exemplar play area. It is also proposed to construct an additional room for extended school/multi purpose activities at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School which currently has limited space for such activities. The estimated costs of the three elements to this proposal are shown in Table 1 below.
- 2.3 A further proposal is to secure the external play area at Sandford Pre-school Playgroup, Blundellsands and to add new doors to provide free flow from the internal to the external play area. Improved heating and landscaping to a small external area will complete the proposed improvements at an estimated cost of £35,000.
- 2.4 Little Acorns is an independent nursery housed in a classroom at Summerhill Primary School. The school is keen to retain the nursery on the school site but would like to regain the classroom in order to develop a new staffroom. The existing small staffroom would be remodelled to provide separate offices for the Headteacher and school secretary who currently share an office. As the nursery classroom can only be accessed by crossing the school playground there are safeguarding issues which the school needs to address.
- 2.5 It is proposed to build a self contained nursery unit within the school site but in a position where families and visitors would not have to cross the playground. This would consist of a large nursery room, pupil and staff toilets, small office/staff area, storage and a dedicated play area. The facility will also be used for holiday club activities. The estimated cost of the scheme is £350,000 with the funding mix detailed in Table 1 below.

### 3. **Funding**

3.1 The breakdown of funding for the proposals in 2.1 to 2.5 is detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Funding Breakdown for Proposed Schemes

<b>PVI nursery/school</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Extended Schools £</b>	<b>EYCG: Q &amp; A £</b>
Tweenie Tots	Internal remodelling/refurbishment	-	130,000
Tweenie Tots	External Play area	-	21,139
English Martyrs	Extended schools/Multi-Purpose Room	70,000	-
Sandford Day Nursery	Security fencing, access door, heating improvements and landscaping	-	35,000
Little Acorns Nursery	Purpose built nursery building	47,019	302,981
<b>Total</b>		<b>117,019</b>	<b>489,120</b>

### 4. **Recommendations**

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

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