

Report to:	Children's Services Scrutiny Committee		
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Report of:	Director of Children's Services	Report No:	14
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Report Title:	Extended Services Small Capital Project Funding		
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Purpose:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>To inform Members of the Executive Member decision regarding the distribution of Extended Services Capital Funding.</p> </div>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 The prospectus for Extended Schools: *Access to opportunities and services for all*, which was published during summer 2005, outlined the core offer for mainstream and special schools and associated targets.

The Government's vision is that by 2010, all children should have access to a variety of activities beyond the school day.

- 1.2 To support the development of this vision the Government has made additional revenue and capital funding available. The capital element of the funding available amounts to £815k for financial years 2006 – 08.

2. Process

- 2.1 The extended services development workshops enabled partners to identify gaps in provision and develop action plans to satisfy these needs. This included submitting proposals for either revenue and/or capital funding.

Whilst a large number of proposals were received for revenue funding, no proposals for capital funding were received hence the consideration of two years funding together.

- 2.2 Consequently the following criteria has been developed to enable schools and their partners to bid for the capital element of the funding.

To be considered for the capital funding, every proposal must satisfy the first four points listed below.

- 1. The total cost of any project must be below £150k*
- 2. All Extended Services capital funding must be expended before 31st March 2008 (i.e. be completed through the finance system)*
- 3. The project must enable delivery of the extended services core offer*
- 4. The project must have support from the ECM Partnership within which it sits*

In addition, if the application is in respect of the development of the childcare element of the extended services core offer then the application must additionally satisfy either point 5 or 6 from the list below.

- 5. The project will support the provision of childcare in areas identified as having insufficient places*
- 6. The project will support provision of childcare for children with disabilities. Please note that priority will be given to this criteria*

If the applications satisfying the above criteria exceed the amount of capital funding available then proposals will be prioritised in line with the following;

- there is an identified gap in the core offer which the project will satisfy*
- the number of children, young people and families who will benefit from the proposal*
- providers ability to fund the project without this funding. Please note that for schools, your Devolved Capital Funding (DCF) will be reviewed alongside your application.*

- 2.3 In addition to the above criteria due consideration was given to the strategic priorities of the department and the local authority as a whole.
- 2.4 All received bids were considered by the Children's Centre / Extended Services Project Board prior to submission to the Executive Member for approval. Attached at **Appendix 1** is a summary of all the bids approved by the Executive Member for Children's Services.
- 3 Equality Impact Assessment**
This report has been subject to an initial screening of Equality Impact Assessment and no adverse impacts were identified

The Children's Centres / Extended Services Project Board has reviewed all applications submitted for consideration under the Extended Services Small Capital Grant Scheme. It has always been the intention of the Board to recommend the strategic allocation of this funding according to gaps in local extended services provision. As the total value of the projects submitted exceeded the total amount of funding available, the Board were asked to review projects against the extended services core offer and Children's Services priorities to identify projects that are to receive funding in this year. The information below outlines the recommendations made to the Executive Member by the Board, with explanations for these decisions.

Criteria applications assessed against (projects must meet the essential criteria)	
Essential	Below £150k
Essential	Expended by 31.3.08 (invoices processed and entered on the EC Harris Website)
Essential	Meets extended services core offer
Essential	Meets an identified gap in the extended services core offer
	Acceptable number of users per spend
	Project Team in place
	Planning permission / building regulations sought
	Strategic priority for Children's Services in Bolton
For childcare projects only	Area of need
	Creation of disabled places

Projects approved

Successful projects will be contacted regarding the progression of these projects and should note that there will be a requirement to undertake monitoring - around both finance and the impact of the project on the children and families accessing the services

Schools - applications that the Board has recommended to be approved					
Applicant	Project Summary	Amount applied for	Board Comments	Board recommendation	Amount recommended to allocate through Extended Services Capital Funding
Susan Isaacs Nursery	Refurbishment of school pond - replace of pool liner with permanent liner	3475	The Board agreed that this project would encourage the engagement of parents and the wider community into life of the school and provide particular opportunities to children with disabilities. It meets the core offer elements of community use, varied menu of activities and opens up the potential for family learning. It would be a good example of partnership working between a school and the Wildlife Trust	Approve	3475

St Pauls Primary	Family Learning & Community Room which could be used during the day by the learning mentor and also at other periods of time for visiting agencies such as the school nurse	63000	The Board feel that this application is a positive development in this school to support families with a multitude of needs ranging from general family support to specialised provision such as developing their ability to speak English. It would also open up opportunities to deliver family / adult learning from the school and activities which promote social cohesion. This project therefore meets the core offer elements of swift & easy referral and parenting support	Approve - look to see if school could make a contribution from the developed capital budget	63000
Blackrod Church Primary	Development of a kitchen to support the childcare facility operating from school	10000	The Board feel that this project is crucial to ensuring that there is sufficient (registered) childcare available in the area. It will also provide an opportunity for wider community use	Approve	10000
Washacre Primary School	Outdoor play space and equipment for indoor internet café	79160	The project would enhance the opportunity for outdoor physical activity for children at the school and the children centre (0-11 yrs). The internet café would provide access to learning and information during the day and early evening and some weekends giving parents and children an opportunity to learn together building up positive relationships having a positive impact on the learning outcomes for children. it meets the core offer areas of varied menu of activities and parenting support	Approve	79160

High Lawn Primary	Purchase of play / adventure equipment	12800	There is no extra curricular activities for KS 1 at this school this proposal would enhance the opportunity for physical activity and increase the varied menu extra curricular provision at this school which will support the achievement of the national target to increase physical activity. It meets the varied menu of activities core offer	Approve	12800
Markland Hill	Renovation of premises to support private childcare provider to operate on premises after school	25500	This is a partnership proposal from a school and a local private childcare provider. The proposal would enhance the home work support aspects of the childcare offer by enhancing the school facilities but opening them up to all the children who attend childcare at the provider who is situated across the road from the school. Elements of this proposal were not capital spend. The Board have approved this proposal on the condition that the project can still be delivered without the revenue elements. It meets the varied menu of activities and community use elements of the core offer	Approve (a proportion)	8000
St Andrews School	Renovation of classroom for childcare	12851	The Board felt that this project will provide access to childcare places in an area of need - as demonstrated through consultation with parents. This will meet the childcare element of the core offer	Approve	12851
Tonge Moor Primary	Enhancement of playground to support extra curricular activity in the school and adjoining children's centre	31089	This will provide access to a varied menu of activities for the school and children's centre for extra curricular activities and will support the increase in the hours children spend undertaking physical activities	Approve	31089

Prestolee Primary	Further development of the community centre and an outdoor play facility	50000	This will open up access to the varied menu element of the core offer and support the opening up of the school for community use. It will also be influential in supporting the increase in hours children spend undertaking physical activity. The Board approved this proposal subject to planning permission being achieved within the timescale	Approve	50000
Harwood Meadows Primary	Development of part of school building to create a dance studio for use by the school and also the community	30000	This would provide access to enhanced facilities for the pupils and the wider community in an area where there are limited leisure facilities. Intentions to signpost to the provision have been expressed in the application. This would support the varied menu of activities and community use elements of the core offer and support the national target to increase children / young people's participation in physical activities	Approve	30000
The Orchards	Creation of a light room / soft play area, multipurpose room (intended for use as childcare) and outdoor play space in the new development	150000	Whilst this application identified three separate projects, the Board felt that one of these was curriculum based and therefore should be funded through the schools devolved capital budget. However, there was agreement that the development of the multipurpose room was essential to support the delivery of childcare on the new development. This was approved on the condition that the space would be accessible to other services on the shared site when not being used for childcare. This meets the core offer elements of childcare and potentially parenting support and community use	Approve (a proportion)	110000

Withins School	Adult education & community use	47448	This project would enable to current school library to be accessed by the wider community and enable community learning activities to be delivered from this site.	Approve	47448
St Osmunds Nursery	Expanded space in which to deliver childcare & parenting support	100000	This project would enable the childcare provider to move to the new premises of the amalgamated SS Osmond and Andrew's school. It is recommended that the school applies for this funding and that the project is developed as an extension to the school premises, with an agreement for the provider to operate from there. The Board has therefore recommended this bid asking that further work is undertaken with the school.	Approve	100000
Mytham Primary School	Development of play area at Mytham School and a community play area on Mytham fields	114445	This development is a result of consultation with the local community and is seen as a solution to current antisocial behaviour experienced within Little Lever. The facility would create a link between the Children's Centre and a local school creating opportunities for increased physical activity for attendees of both of these settings. It would therefore meet the core offer elements of varied menu of activities and community use. The Board approved this application on the condition that planning permission could be obtained in time and that further work is undertaken as to how this fits with Access Points and service delivery in Little Lever	Approve	114445
Total		729768		Total recommended to be approved (schools)	672268

Other settings - applications that the Board has recommended					
Bolton Youth Service - Youthopia	Refurbishment of Youthopia Youth provision on Johnson Fold	5911	Improves homework / study support facilities within Johnson Fold and strategically links to the core offer delivered from Smithills School - varied menu of activities.	Approved	5911
Harvey's Kids Club	Development of toilets to meet Ofsted standards for the childcare facility which serves several local primary schools	88313	The Board agreed that meeting the Ofsted registration requirements (toilets) was essential in this area to ensure that there is a sufficiency of childcare, which is accessed by schools in the locality. However the wider proposal for an extension was rejected as it does not directly meet the core offer	Approve (a proportion)	38000
Phase2 Children's Centres	Provision of equipment within Phase 2 Children's Centres	29190	This proposal would support the provision of parenting support and swift and easy access to services through children's centres	Approve	29190
Madina Mosque	Community learning hub in Mosque	12098	This would address study support provision for young people who attend mosques after school and are not therefore able to participate in provision offered at schools. This would impact on the educational attainment of a group who are currently not achieving as well as their peers and are therefore a local priority. It will meet the varied menu of activities core offer.	Approve	12098

BCoM	Astley St Community Centre - refurbishment & purchase of play equipment	45000	This refurbishment will ensure the provision of play activity during both holiday periods and during the Ramadan period when there is a real need for positive activities in this locality. Activities have been delivered from this venue during this year with around 100 children and young people attending but future provision is unlikely due to the condition of the building. This would also provide a community facility. Consultation has been undertaken with the community. The Board have approved this project subject to confirmation of ownership of the building	Approve - the Board asked for further details on costing as the costs seem high	45000
DBBC Radio	Computers, photocopiers & screen dividers to improve the facilities and make them accessible to young people	9005	This project will bring equipment up to modern standards and enable young people to learn new skills. The facility currently delivers media based activities for disabled and disadvantaged young people which is a gap across the Borough. It will meet the varied menu of activities core offer area	Approve	9005
Salvation Army	Chair storage to create additional spaces at after school clubs and family events	3528	This would provide additional space for the delivery of extra curricular clubs and family activities - sessions are currently over subscribed. It meets the core offer areas of varied menu of activities and potentially parenting support	Approve	3528
	Total	193045		Total recommended to be approved (other settings)	142732