

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families

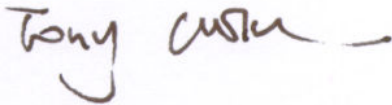
***Tuesday, 2 March 2010 at 12.00 pm
County Hall***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on 10 March 2010 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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February 2010

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Note: Date of next meeting: 7 April 2010

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Items for Decision

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Questions from County Councillors

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The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. Petitions and Public Address

4. Chill Out Fund 2009/10 (Pages 1 - 20)

Forward Plan Ref: 2009/060

Contact: Ruth Ashwell, Area Service Manager, Youth (Central) Tel: (01865 810649)

12.10 pm

Report by the Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDCY4**)

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to consider the applications (listed in paragraph 6 of the report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendations as set out for each application as annexed to the report.

5. Early Years Capital Grants (Pages 21 - 22)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/015

Contact: Marion Evans, Early Education Development Manager Tel: (01865 815115)

12.20 pm

Report by the Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDCY5**)

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to approve

the applications from Paddocks Pre-school (Wallingford) and Trinity Pre-school (Henley) for funding from the Early Years Capital Grant, subject to appropriate contractual agreement.

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Division(s): N/A

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 2 MARCH 2010

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2010

Report by the Interim Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £100,000 revenue and £100,000 capital to support work with children and young people across the county. The fund supports the aspirations of those working with children and young people in Oxfordshire to ensure all children and young people can access positive activities in their leisure-time by 2020.
2. How children and young people spend their leisure time has an important influence and impact on their resilience and quality of life. Engaging in constructive activities can increase their positive attitudes, improve motivation, increase aspirations, develop social and life skills, enhance interpersonal skills and help build social capital. Participation in positive activities can also help increase resilience of vulnerable children and young people who are trying to rebuild their lives. For children and young people with physical or learning disabilities it can be a lifeline and reduce social isolation. For groups such as young carers, positive activities provide respite and can improve their outlook and quality of life.
3. Projects must meet the broad aspirations above and be targeted at children and young people 8 – 19 years (extended to 24 years for young people with learning disabilities).
4. The Chill Out Fund will consider a wide range of bids supporting children and young people's access to positive activity. Applications for funding are invited that comply with the following criteria:
 - Capital or revenue funding – if both ensure the split is clear
 - Aimed at children and young people 8 – 19 (up to 24 for those with learning disabilities).
 - Show evidence of the involvement of young people in the application.
 - Demonstrate increased access to positive leisure-time activity.
 - Show matched funding from a source external to the county council.
 - Demonstrate the ability to account for funding.
5. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

Bids for March 2010

6. 4 applications have been received:

Applicant organization	Revenue	Capital	Amount recommended Revenue	Amount recommended Capital
Oxfordshire Sports Partnership		4000		4000
Thame Youth Centre		1425		1425
Campus Youth Centre (Berinsfield)		1680		1600
Starlight Community		550		0
TOTAL		7655		7025

Revenue/Capital left (including monies returned) = £7259

Grant awarded to date are as follows:

Revenue/Capital = £200997
 Bids to this meeting = £7655
 Recommended amounts = £7025

If recommended amount granted, funds left

Revenue/Capital = £234

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. **The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to consider the application (listed in paragraph 6 of this report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendation as set out in the application annexed to this report.**

MEERA SPILLETT
 Director for Children, Young People & Families

Background Papers: Application

Contact Officer: Ruth Ashwell, Area Service Manager – Youth (Central)
 Tel: (01865 810649)

February 2010

CHILL OUT 2009/2010

Meeting date:

March

Name of Organisation

Oxfordshire Sports Partnership

Name of Project

Oxfordshire Youth Games

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£4000

1995	See attached sheet	2000
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROJECT	20000
	Match funding	16000
	Chill out	4000

Area: Central



Northern



Southern



Brief description of project

The games are intended to encourage young people to become involved in sport and a healthy lifestyle, whether as participants, coaches or sports leaders. The benefits are increased participation for children at the margins of sport, creating more players, positive life style habits and more coaches and sports leaders into clubs.

young people benefiting

10000+

Age range:

7-19

Match funding in place (with whom and amount)

£16000

Have they applied before Yes

2008

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

This is an excellent event bringing together children from across Oxfordshire to engage in a wide range of sport. Although the event itself is held in June, this funding will provide budget towards preparation in this financial year.

Completed by: *Ruth Ashwell*

Suggested amount
£4000

Awarded: Yes

£

No (reason)

1. Name of Organisation:

Oxfordshire Sports Partnership

Name of Project:

Oxfordshire Youth Games 2010

2. Children and Young People:

Age range is 7-19 years

Number of children who will benefit is @10,000 in the lead up programmes and @2000 on the final day

3. Description of Project:

The Oxfordshire Youth Games have under gone a significant review and revision from previous years

The Oxfordshire Youth Games are now a year long event and a celebration of Oxfordshire sport. It is open to children of all abilities and from schools and Districts across the County.

The Games are a high profile, very successful and established event in the County Calendar, a celebration of sport and healthy physical activity , run by a partnership of competition managers, sports clubs, local authorities, school sport partnerships, sports national governing bodies and the core team of the Oxfordshire sports partnership

The Games are values driven, inclusive and designed to produce positive outcomes for all participating young people. The Games have the full support of schools, local authorities and the participating sports, who come together annually to manage this celebration of sport.

The Games are intended to encourage young people to become involved in sport and a healthy life style, whether as participants, coaches or sports leaders. The benefits are increased participation for children at the margins of sport, creating more players, positive life style habits and more coaches and sports leaders into clubs.

The date for the 2010 final high profile day is going to be Sunday 27th June. The venue is to be Iffley Road, Oxford.

Why is this project important?

The aim of the Oxfordshire Youth Games is to allow participants to come to a countywide festival to represent their district. The selection processes around the games allow participants who do not normally have the opportunity to attend a countywide event to have the opportunity to do this.

The OYG supports the huge amount of work going on in Schools by providing an opportunity for young people to take part outside of school hours and in a community setting.

Contribution to the five outcomes

Be healthy – the OYG process involves the provision of a huge amount of sport within schools across all 5 districts that means a huge number of young people are engaged with the process as well as the 750 or so involved in the finals day.

Enjoy & achieve – the OYG allows young people who do not normally get the chance to be involved in a countywide competition to participate and represent their district at a county level.

Geographical Area

Participants will come from all over the county.

4, How much will the project cost?

Oxfordshire Youth Games	
Estimate breakdown of costs	
Contingency	1000
Venue Hire	3075
First Aid Cover	1145
Refreshments for volunteers	500
Safeguarding Photography Registered Wristbands and photos	625
Sports Equipment	1000
T-shirts and Poloshirts	3505
Medals and trophies	400
Project Manager fee	5000
Radios hire	250
Printing designing of Certificates (to be given to Team Managers to complete and handout)	300
Additional signage -OYG Signage – Winners Board for Photos Sports, directional, etc	1000
Tape for netball markings for OYG courts	200
500 OYG Site Maps	300
Pre final day Sports Programmes support	2000
Additional equipment items (MC to see meeting mins and actions for quotes - cable ties, scissors,	200
TOTAL	20000
Match funding	16000
Grant requested from Chill Out fund	4000

The overall cost is higher than 2009 because equipment needs to be replaced as it wears out and we would like to re introduce certain elements such as volunteer refreshments we feel are essential to a conducive work environment. The event leading up to and the final day will also be bigger than 2009.

Have you consulted with young people?

Feedback from previous attendees / participants / stakeholders:

"Thank you very much for your help and organisation yesterday, and the previous tournaments. The kids had a fantastic time, as did I."

Ted Burch, Manager of the winning football team from Queensway School.

"I had a great day, some of it was quite emotional, particularly the athletics. I had forgotten how much primary school children try, quite a shot in the arm to remember why we do these jobs. I also got to meet some crucial people so a great afternoon despite the weather.

'It was also beautifully organised, so congratulations. It had a real developmental feel to it, which is not always the case with the youth games across the country that still exist'.

**Sarah Norcliffe, Vice Principal
Oxford Academy**

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Oxfordshire Youth Games and thought it was a lovely occasion; children and parents were clearly having a good time. Congratulations to you all for such a well organised, successful event.

"Thank you for including me on Sunday".

Julie Garner, Coordinator for Oxfordshire School Sport

"I really enjoyed the event and thought it was both well organised and well attended. I think the whole thing was a real credit to the team that despite the appalling weather it was such a success".

**Judith Dean, Regional Director
Sport England**

"Unfortunately I was unable to get to Radley on Sunday for the Oxfordshire Youth Games.

I have spoken to a friend as her daughter was playing rugby, they have advised that had a fun day and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, I think they came 6th".

**Deborah Gorman
Supplier for the Oxfordshire Youth Games**

"Well done on Sunday, everything seemed to go really smooth and we have had some really positive feedback on the football which should also be passed onto yourselves".

**Owain Prosser, Football Development Officer
Oxfordshire Football Association**

"I really enjoyed the event. You must be delighted it was a great success and the young people really seemed to relish it!"

Mark Richardson, Ex-Great Britain International Athlete

"As always I very much enjoyed the day and I know the event was well received by all those who took part".

**Terry Stock, Chief Executive
Vale of White Horse District Council**

"Thank you for the image you sent to us, a nice memento of the day. It was a fantastic event and I thoroughly enjoyed being there. What a delight to see so many children playing competitive sport in such a great venue. Thank you for allowing us to be there to see it at first hand".

'Please thank all concerned for making the event such a success".

**Brigadier Ian Inshaw
High Sheriff of Oxfordshire**

"Thank you Amie we enjoyed our day and to see the kids competing was just wonderful".

**Councillor Bill Service,
Oxfordshire Sports Partnership Board Member**

Name and address of the person who will take responsibility for this work:

Margaret Stevens
Partnership Development Manager/OYG Project Manager
Thame and Oxford School Sports Partnership

Lord Williams's School	or Oxford University Sports Complex
Towersey Road	Iffley Road
Thame	Oxford
Oxon	OX4 1EQ
OX9 3NW	

Name to make the cheque payable to:

Oxford City Council

CHILL OUT 2009/2010

Meeting date:

March

Name of Organisation

Thame Youth Centre

Name of Project

Film project

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£1425

1995	Compac film company project worker	1995
	Lap top	450.00
	Adobe edit suite	975.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROJECT	3420
	Match funding	1995
Chill out	1425	

Area: Central

Northern

Southern

Brief description of project

Project will be run on Tuesday evening initially and will offer young people the opportunity to learn about all aspects of film making from lighting, script writing, filming and editing. The young people will aim towards receiving accreditation in making high quality products. As their expertise evolves film nights will become a regular feature of the programme.

young people benefiting

Age range:

Match funding in place (with whom and amount)

Have they applied before Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

This equipment will provide a much needed opportunity for young people in Thame. It is particularly good to get funding from Extended Services contributing to the project.

Suggested amount
£1425

Awarded: Yes

No (reason)

Chill Out Fund Application Form

1. Name of Organisation

Thame Youth Centre

Name of Project

Film Project

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

12 - 16

Number of children/young people will benefit

60 - 90

Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application
 (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

The Youth forum has spent a great deal of time talking to young people within the centre discussing what projects would be most popular. A huge majority of the young people want to be able to participate in film and media projects. Although we have secured funding to pay for the revenue for the project we would like to be able to buy the equipment so that the young people can continue to make their own short films in the long term.

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Describe the project

The project will run on Tuesday evenings initially and will offer young people the opportunity to learn about all aspects of film making from lighting, script writing, filming and editing. They will aim towards receiving accreditation in making high quality products that they can put on both the web site and also display to the wider community. They hope to become expert enough to be able to then move on to peer education so that the running costs of the project are reduced and the project can be an ongoing part of the club programme.
 As their expertise evolves film nights will become a regular feature of the programme.

Describe why this project is important

This project is important because it is something that many young people in the area want to participate in, a pilot project took place during the summer and was incredibly successful. Several of the young people who have asked for this project are young offenders and others that we will target are not utilising the centre at present but have said that this type of work would persuade them to participate.

Describe the desired outcomes and impact for children/young people and local communities

The desired outcomes are that young people who would not normally access the service are persuaded to participate in a good project. Also young people will see that the workers have listened to their consultation and have ensured that projects that they want are pursued.

The local community will see that the young people that they are used to seeing on the streets have achieved something good and worthwhile and be given the chance to see the end results in the local centre.

4. How much will the project cost?

Please let us know what the project costs are, breakdown the costs for both capital and/or revenue, identify how much and from where matched funding has been achieved and enter the amount(s) applied for from the Chill Out Fund

		Revenue 1995.00	Capital 1295.00
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			
Breakdown of costs	Compac film company project worker	1995.00	
	laptop		450.00
	ADOBE Edit Suite		975.00
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	Extended Services	1995.00	
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund			1295.00 1425-

5. Timescale

What is the timescale for this project (start and finish dates)

Start 9.2.10	Finish 8.6.10 (ongoing if equipment
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CHILL OUT 2009/2010

Meeting date:

March

Name of Organisation

Campus Youth Centre

Name of Project

Film Club

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£1680

Breakdown of costs	Projector and bulbs	2000
	Projector stand	180
	Speakers and audio system	550
	Cables, dvd player, equipment inclu beanbags etc	580
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROJECT	3280
	Match funding	1600
	Chill out	1680

Area: Central

Northern

Southern

Brief description of project

Looking to open an additional session on a Friday evening (where there is deemed to be an evening with greatest problem of antisocial and misdemeanour).

young people benefiting

100+

Age range:

11-19

Match funding in place (with whom and amount)

SODC safer community funding - £1600

Have they applied before

Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

This is a creative bid in an area that has a high level of anti-social behavior comparative to the size of the village. Good matched funding. Opening youth centre's on Friday evenings is proven to be effective and building relationships and reducing this sort of behavior, I would support this capital spend and having spoken to the applicant understand that they will be looking for revenue funding to support additional staffing next year.

Completed by: *Ruth Ashwell*

Suggested amount £1600

1600

Awarded: Yes

£

No (reason)



Chill Out Fund Application Form

1. Name of Organisation

Campus Youth Project

Name of Project

Film Club

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

11-19

Number of children/young people will benefit

100+

Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

Young people have been involved in discussing the issue in the campus youth centre forum meetings and consulting other members in the youth club.

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Describe the project

We are looking to open an additional session on a Friday evening to run a film club. Young people will be provided the opportunity to watch films with their friends creating a cinema atmosphere. Young people would be involved in choosing the film that they watch and discussing the reasons for the choice with staff and forum members.

As well as this young people will have the opportunity to showcase their own films/animation which they will create using our video/editing equipment.

Describe why this project is important

The project will provide an opportunity for young people on a Friday evening (where there is deemed to be evening with the greatest problem of anti-social and misdemeanor behaviors in the village). Unlike other young people in other villages they do not have access (poor transport) or the means to go to their local cinema (which is 7 miles away) with the friends and this session would help provide an opportunity to focus their attention.

Describe the desired outcomes and impact for children/young people and local communities

- Reduction in anti-social behavior on Friday evening in the village
- Provision of an activity which is available to young people
- Local community to benefit from equipment with having a community cinema evening

4. How much will the project cost?

Please let us know what the project costs are, breakdown the costs for both capital and/or revenue, identify how much and from where matched funding has been achieved and enter the amount(s) applied for from the Chill Out Fund

		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			
Breakdown of costs	Projector +bulbs		£2000
	Projector Stand		£180
	Speakers and Audio System		£550
	DVD Player		£90
	Additional Chairs/beanbags Cables/leads		£400 £90
	2 x Staffing cost for 12 week pilot	£900	
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	SODC safer community funding		£1600
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund		£900	£1910

5. Timescale

What is the timescale for this project (start and finish dates)

Start ASAP	Finish 12 week from start of project
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CHILL OUT

2009/2010

Meeting date:

March

Name of Organisation

Starlight Community Project CIC

Name of Project

Snuggle Safe 8-12 Club

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£550

1995	Printing t shirts	120.00
	Folders with front pocket	60.00
	Pens and paper for project	100.00
	Refreshments	150.00
	Facilitator fee	120.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROJECT	550.00
	Match funding	None
	Chill out	550.00

Area: Central



Brief description of project

The children from Kingfisher Green have nowhere to go locally to play inside. The project provides a safe, warm place for the children to meet once a week and enjoy some time on their own with other children. Community project is based in the heart of the community and provides an ideal location for the children to come and enjoy engaging in some positive activities and developing close relationships with each other in the community.

young people benefiting

Age range:

Match funding in place (with whom and amount)

Have they applied before Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

No matchfunding is identified on this bid, I have asked for details for this but until this is forthcoming I suggest we hold this bid.

Completed by: *Ruth Ashwell*

Suggested amount
£0

Awarded: Yes

No (reason)

Chill Out Fund Application Form**1. Name of Organisation**

Starlight Community Project CIC

Name of Project

Snuggle Safe 8 – 12 Club

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

8 - 12

Number of children/young people will benefit

12

**Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application
(please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)**

The children aged between 8 – 12, who live and play close to Kingfisher Green (where we are located) were asked if they would like a small club, particularly during the winter months, so they could meet somewhere safe and local. All houses were leafleted in the local vicinity and a week before the Christmas break parents and their children aged 8-12 came along to discuss the idea. The children liked the idea and over the Christmas/New Year period they each thought of a name for their club and a picture for a logo. On their first meeting back after New Year they voted for their favourite picture and name – a picture of a Kingfisher and the name 'Snuggle Safe'. The picture was drawn by Alanta, aged 10 and the name was Elliot White's idea.

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Describe the project

Ground Rules for the group were discussed and agreed at the first meeting and the children talked about the types of activities they would like to undertake. They wanted a folder for their project work with a front cover that included the logo of the group and space for them to write their name. They want a copy of the Ground Rules to be kept in these folders too and they have also discussed the consequences if anyone breaks their rules. They proposed that their first project should be to find out the similarities and differences for children growing up in different parts of the world. They chose a partner to work with and they selected Australia, Egypt, America and Spain.

Describe why this project is important

The children have nowhere locally to play inside. Parents are reluctant to let them go far so they are either unable to get out and meet with their friends at all during the winter months or they are playing in the cold on the streets. The project provides a safe, warm place for the children to meet once a week and enjoy some time on their own with other children of a similar age. Our community project is based in the heart of the community and provides an ideal location for the children to come and enjoy engaging in some positive projects and developing close relationships with each other in the community.

Describe the desired outcomes and impact for children/young people and local communities

The desired outcomes and impact for the children is that they will develop positive relationships with each other and enjoy participating in community based activities; helping to increase understanding and friendships between families of different backgrounds. They formed their own ground rules (enclosed) and you will see that they have come up with some very positive statements and consequences. Also attached is a copy of the flipchart paper which shows what the children hope to get out of this project. The local community will benefit as the children demonstrate their appreciation and care for each other and their involvement in their local area. Future projects might include community events similar to the one we helped to organise for two of the members of this group last summer when we raised money for the Young Carers Project.

4. How much will the project cost?

Please let us know what the project costs are, breakdown the costs for both capital and/or revenue, identify how much and from where matched funding has been achieved and enter the amount(s) applied for from the Chill Out Fund

		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			
Breakdown of costs	Printing T-shirts including artwork of logos designed by the young people x 12	£120.00	} <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Folders with front pocket x 12 plus delivery	£ 60.00	
	Pens and paper for project work plus printing	£100.00	
	Refreshments for weekly meetings during the winter/spring months	£150.00	
	Facilitator fee	£120.00	
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	N/A		
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund		£550.00	

5. Timescale

What is the timescale for this project (start and finish dates)

Start December 2009	Finish May 2010 (NB depending on the success of the project it may continue again in the winter months at the end of 2010.)
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Division(s): Henley South, Wallingford

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 2 MARCH 2010

APPROVAL OF LARGE CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS FOR EARLY YEARS PROVISION

Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. On 16 September 2008 the Cabinet approved the Oxfordshire Early Years Capital Programme 2008-2011. This sets out the plans for expenditure of £7.8 million that has been made available by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to secure significant investment in early years provision, mostly to benefit children in the non-maintained sector.
2. 59 expressions of interest for Large Grants (> £10,000) were received from early years providers. 17 of these projects have been approved, and a further 30 shortlisted, by the Cabinet Member on 5 May 2009, 7 July 2009 and 4 November 2010. A decision on another 2 projects has been deferred.

Development of the Shortlisted Projects

3. The shortlisted early years providers (for grants > £25,000) have been invited to complete a full application form for return to the Council by 31 March 2010 at the latest.
4. On-site visits were arranged for meetings between Council officers, the early years provider and the landowner or school (as appropriate).
5. Advice has been provided by Council legal, finance and procurement officers as to the most appropriate forms of funding agreement and contractual processes for awarding and distributing grants.
6. 7 projects have submitted a full application form to date. Council officers are in the process of assessing these applications. 3 have been approved previously by the Lead Member.
7. A further 2 projects are recommended for approval, subject to appropriate contractual agreement:
 - Paddocks Pre-school (Wallingford) for a grant up to a maximum of £72,805 for an extension to the pre-school building
 - Trinity Pre-school (Henley) for a grant up to a maximum of £227,000 to provide a new pre-school building.

Financial and Staff Implications

8. The estimated cost of the 2 projects recommended for approval totals £299,805.

Equality and Inclusion

9. The Early Years Capital Grant is for the improvement of the learning environment in early years settings to support young children's play and learning with a view to raising achievement and narrowing the gap between disadvantaged children and the rest.

Sustainability

10. It is recognised that each project (that involves a new building, extension or major refurbishment) will not necessarily match the assessment criteria of the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) it will however seek to meet those principles and seek to achieve the level of 'GOOD'.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to approve the applications from Paddocks Pre-school (Wallingford) and Trinity Pre-school (Henley) for funding from the Early Years Capital Grant, subject to appropriate contractual agreement.**

MEERA SPILLETT
Director for Children, Young People & Families

Background Papers: Nil

Contact Officer: Marion Evans, Early Education Development Manager,
Children & Families Tel: 01865 815115

February 2010