

## Report of the Director - People

### External Funding Panel – 5 April 2017

#### **FLYING START CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017-2018 Already approved Lower Super Output Areas for City and County of Swansea Flying Start Programme.**

<b>Purpose:</b>	To outline the capital proposal included in the Additional Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2017/18 and to confirm the approved LSOAs funding for City and County of Swansea.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	One Swansea Plan
<b>Consultation:</b>	Education, Poverty, Corporate Building and Services, Head of Financial Services, and Head of Legal and Democratic Services, were consulted.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) The External Funding Panel approves the 2017/18 Flying Start Capital bid.
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### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Flying Start (FS) is one of the Welsh Government's (WG) Flagship Programmes aimed at improving outcomes for children under 4 in the identified most deprived areas with the main focus of child development.
- 1.2 Swansea's model of delivery for the Flying Start Programme has been acknowledged by Welsh Government (WG) as good practice. FS settings are sited at primary schools ensuring the use of available space (potential surplus capacity) to establish "mini children's centres". These comprise of the required Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) registered Childcare Facility; provide a base for Health Visitors and Parenting and Early Language Development provision. This has enabled co-located multi-agency teams to operate to support young children and their families in each area.

- 1.3 The Flying Start Programme in Swansea has been developed with the aspirations for 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools so that the benefits of FS are maximised within primary schools and community focussed schools. This also provides the opportunity to achieve effective transition into the Foundation Phase.
- 1.4 There have been three main phases to the rollout of the Flying Start Programme. The targeting for each phase has been set by WG. At the end of 2014/2015 there were 2659 0-3 year olds in the Flying Start Programme in Swansea benefiting from the full range of entitlements across different settings. In 2015/2016 approximately 2,900 0-3 year olds benefit annually.

### **Additional Capital Round**

- 1.5 WG have already approved £50,000 for Clase Primary Flying Start, to support improving traffic management issues in the school site. This has already been accepted into the capital programme as the value was under £75,000.
- 1.6 However, WG have now asked local authorities to bid for additional capital funding for already approved areas for 2017/2018. They have advised that this request does not represent a commitment that funding is available this financial year.
- 1.7 A bid of £70,000 (in addition to the £50,000 already approved), has been submitted which includes the following:

Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)	Project	Amount Requested
Townhill 1,2,6	Gors Flying Start Safeguarding – introduction of fencing and gates to improve access arrangements to the FS setting whilst school is in operation	£20,000
Castle 1,2,3,5	Waun Wen Flying Start Safeguarding – introduction of fencing and gates to improve access arrangements to the FS setting whilst school is in operation	£10,000
Penderry 4,5,6, Cockett 8, Cwmbwrla 5	Clwyd Flying Start – introduction of soft play (unable to undertake from 2016/2017 capital)	£15,000
Castle 1,2, Landore 2,3,4	Hafod Flying Start – upgrade of children's toilets and kitchen facilities and ICT for childcare areas	£15,000
St Thomas 1&2	St Thomas Flying Start – Upgrading of fencing/gate	£5,000
Morrleston 9	Plasmarl Flying Start – ICT for childcare areas	£5,000

## **2.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

- 2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form has been completed for the project with the outcome that a full EIA Report is not required.
- 2.2 However, the project will have a positive impact on;
- 2.3 Age – provide good quality childcare places and additional services for 0-3 year olds.
- 2.4 Children’s Rights - In line with the Council’s commitment to the UNCRC the initiative will have a direct impact on children and young people and is designed in the best interest of children as stated in guiding principal below;

Article 3. Best interests of the child: The best interests of children must be the primary concern in making decisions that may affect them. All adults should do what is best for children. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. This particularly applies to budget, policy and law makers

- 2.5 All key stakeholders will be communicated with throughout the projects’ delivery.

## **3.0 Financial Implications**

### **Capital**

- 3.1 The total cost of the capital improvement works if approved is £70,000 if the bid is approved in its entirety. There is no commitment from WG that any capital will be available. This is in addition to the £50,000 already approved for 2017/2018 for Clase Traffic Management improvements.
- 3.2 The funding relates to the period April 2017 to March 2018 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2018 otherwise any unclaimed part of the funding will cease to be available to the Council.

### **Revenue**

- 3.3 FS revenue funding has already been committed. There will be no additional recurring revenue costs as a result of this bid.

## **4.0 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 In line with arrangements at all other school based FS settings a licence agreement is in place to ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities relating to the asset.

4.2 If approved, the grant offer from WG will contain conditions, which are legally binding. The Council must be satisfied that it is able to comply with the same.

Background Papers: None