



Report of the Director of Education

External Funding Panel – 3 April 2019

Flying Start Capital Bid 2019/20

Purpose:	To outline the capital proposal included in the Capital Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2019/20.
Policy Framework:	One Swansea Plan
Consultation:	Education, Poverty, Corporate Building and Services, Financial Services, and Legal and Democratic Services, were consulted.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The bid as detailed, together with financial implications, be included in the capital programme, in anticipation of the bid being approved by Welsh Government.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Flying Start 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. Flying Start 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 Inspectorate Wales (CIW) 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 21st Century schools so that the benefits of Flying Start 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 3 main phases to the rollout of the Flying Start Programme. During 2013/14 the CAP for the programme in Swansea was 1438 0-3 year olds. At the end of 2014/15 part way through the second phase, 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 2015/16 the full approved Programme was established with a CAP number of 2,903 0-3 year olds annually

2. 2019/20 Capital Bidding Round

- 2.1 WG has asked Local Authorities to bid for additional capital funding to help maintain the standards of provision for existing Flying Start settings. They have advised that this request does not represent a commitment that funding is available this financial year, and authorities are not invited to submit bids to increase or expand Flying Start provision at this time. The main focus of the funding is to address business continuity and health and safety issues.
- 2.2 A bid of £104,000 to address business continuity and health and safety areas at the existing settings Flying Start settings has been submitted with the following breakdown of works.

Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)	Project	Amount Requested
Clydach 3	Craigfelen Flying Start Addition of change facility	£30,000
Castle 4&8, & Uplands 4	St Helens Flying Start Investigate damp, put in place works to try to remedy situation, prevent further damp issues and improve / remove existing spurs. Introduction of small external canopy	£26,500
Penderry 1,2,3	Portmead Flying Start Replacement of external access doors and fire release mechanisms on internal doors. Decoration throughout	£6,000
Townhill 1,2,6	Gors Flying Start Repairs to the floor in main childcare room including replacement flooring and decoration of room. Replacement carpet in parenting building	£9,500
Castle 1,2, Landore 2,3,4	Hafod Flying Start Replacement doors to external play area and replacement carpet in childcare room.	£8,500
Castle 5, Townhill 1,3,5 Uplands 2	Seaview Flying Start Ramp to external play area and additional soft play to improve safety in outdoor area	£17,000
Townhill 1,2,4,6 Uplands 2	Townhill Flying Start Improvements to rear external play area to improve safety and comply with CIW recommendations	£6,500

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2 Our Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.
- 3.3 An EIA screening has been undertaken and it has been determined that the initiative is not relevant for a full EIA report.
- 3.4 As part of this process we will also be considering the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Act ensures that public bodies think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

3.5 All key stakeholders will be communicated with throughout the projects' delivery.

4. Financial Implications

Capital

4.1 The total cost of the capital improvement works if approved is £104,000 if the bid is approved in its entirety. There is no commitment from WG that any capital will be available.

4.2 The funding relates to the period April 2019 to March 2020 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2020 otherwise any unclaimed part of the funding will cease to be available to the Council. The funding available has been profiled as set out in Appendix A.

Revenue

4.3 Flying Start revenue funding has already been committed. There will be no additional recurring revenue costs as a result of this bid.

5. Legal Implications

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

5.2 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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Financial Implications Summary (below)

Appendix A

Financial Procedure Rule 7

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : SUMMARY

Portfolio: EDUCATION
 Service : PRIMARY PROVISION
 Scheme : Flying Start Capital Programme 2019/20
 Additional Funding Application

<u>1.1. CAPITAL COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000	TOTAL £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Craigfelen Flying Start	30,000	30,000
St Helens Flying Start	26,500	26,500
Portmead Flying Start	6,000	6,000
Gors Flying Start	9500	9500
Hafod Flying Start	8500	8500
Seaview Flying Start	17,000	17,000
Townhill Flying Start	6,500	6,500
 EXPENDITURE	 104,000	 104,000
<u>Financing</u>		
WG Funded by Flying Start Capital Programme 2019/20; if bid submitted for additional funding is approved in its entirety.	104,000	104,000
 FINANCING	 104,000	 104,000

<u>1.2. REVENUE COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000	FULL YEAR £'000
<u>Service Controlled - Expenditure</u>		
Employees)		0
Maintenance)	N/A	0
Vehicle running costs)		0
 NET EXPENDITURE	 0	 0
<u>Financing</u>		
FINANCING	0	0