

Report of the Director of People

External Funding Panel – 7 December 2016

FLYING START CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-2017

Purpose:	To outline the capital proposal included in the Additional Funding Application submitted to Welsh Government in respect of the Flying Start Programme 2016/17.
Policy Framework:	One Swansea Plan
Reason for Decision:	To inform the External Funding Panel of the grant applied for. To comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7- to approve and include new Capital schemes in the Capital Programme.
Consultation:	Education, Poverty, Corporate Building and Services, Finance ,Legal
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the External Funding Panel authorises approval for:- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The bid as detailed, together with financial implications, to be included in the capital programme, in anticipation of the bid being approved by Welsh Government.
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1.0 Background

- 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 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 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. The targeting for each phase has been set by Welsh Government. At the end of 2014/15 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 will be established benefiting approximately 2,900 0-3 year olds annually.

Additional Capital Round

- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 A bid of £186,300 for the maintenance and enhancement of existing Flying Start settings has been submitted with the following breakdown of works.

Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)	Project	Amount Requested
Castle 5, Townhill 1,3,5 Uplands 2	Seaview Flying Start – upgrade toilets and replacement shutter/s	£26,000
Castle 1,2, Landore 2,3,4 Penderry 1,2,3 Castle 5, Townhill 1,3,5 Uplands 2 Bonymaen 1,2 Penderry 4,5,6, Cockett 8, Cwmbwrla 5 Townhill 1,2,4,6 Uplands 2 Clydach 3 Llansamlet 8	Softplay/fencing Hafod Flying Start Portmead Flying Start Seaview Flying Start Pentrechwyth Flying Start Clwyd Flying Start Townhill Flying Start Craigfelen Flying Start Birchgrove Flying Start	£6,000 £15,000 £9,000 £6,000 £6,000 £6,000 £5,000 £5,000
6 settings	ICT equipment	£30,000

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Castle 1,2, Landore 2,3,4	Decoration & Flooring upgrade Hafod Flying Start, new flooring and decoration	£4,300
Penderry 1,2,3	Portmead Flying Start, New flooring and decoration	£8,000
Castle 5, Townhill 1,3,5 Uplands 2	Seaview Flying Start, flooring	£5,000
Various	Security improvements	£15,000
Various	Renewal of childcare equipment	£40,000

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 was 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 £186,300 if the bid is approved in its entirety. There is no commitment from WG that any capital will be available.

3.2 The funding relates to the period April 2016 to March 2017 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2017 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

- 3.3 Flying Start 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 Flying Start 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

Appendices:

Appendix A Financial Implications Summary