

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **Children and Young People Portfolio Holder**

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20 July 2010**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: EARLY YEARS CAPITAL FUNDING - PROPOSED PRIORITISATION OF REMAINING FUNDS

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for how the remainder of Early Years Capital Funding will be allocated to Early Years and Childcare Providers.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **The Children and Young People Portfolio Holder is asked to:**

- (i) **approve the schemes recommended for priority approval;**
- (ii) **approve the priority ranking for remaining schemes within the Capital Funding budget, should funds become available;**
- (ii) **approve the allocation of funding as set out in this report.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy: Proposed project support the Building a Better Bromley priorities of supporting independence and ensuring all children and young people have opportunities to achieve their potential
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £563,000
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Early Years and Childcare Service
 4. Total current budget for this head: £4,091,853
 5. Source of funding: DCSF Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) – N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours – N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement: Children Act 2006
 2. Call in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - All pre-school settings
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Views are currently being sought.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Any comments received will be reported to the meeting.

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) allocated the London Borough of Bromley a total of £4,091 853 in Capital grant over a three-year period (2008-11) to support standards and access in early years settings. At the meeting on 13 July 2009, the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder endorsed the strategy for prioritising larger schemes (DCYP09090).
- 3.2 At a further meeting on 10 November 2009, the Children and Young People PDS recommended that the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder approve the prioritisation for £2,190,000, which was subsequently approved.
- 3.3 A panel has overseen the early years capital process, consisting of LBB officers from Early Years, Early Years Specialist Support, Teaching Advisory Service, and representatives from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
- 3.4 The agreed criteria for prioritising schemes are:
- to improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings to support delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage, with particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities; and ICT resources;
 - to ensure all children, including disabled children are able to access provision;
 - to enable PVI providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for 3 and 4 year olds and do so flexibly.

In addition, schemes have been prioritised using the following criteria:

- Quality of provision - as defined by the Early Years Quality Improvement Support Programme.
 - Improving the life chances for the most deprived children in the borough.
 - Poor facilities – where these have a detrimental impact on the learning environment, e.g. outside/shared toilet facilities which may result in a safeguarding issue.
 - Lack of an outdoor learning area.
 - The number of children who will benefit from the funding.
 - Capital Funding received by the setting under the small capital grants (phase 1) and the larger capital grants (phase 2).
 - The sustainability of the setting.
- 3.5 A balance of funds totalling £565,702 remains. To apply for this funding, all settings were invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), giving brief details of their proposed schemes. Each EOI was then analysed by the panel as to whether it met the criteria, with a specific focus on the improvement of access to the setting, improvement of the outdoor learning area, or support to the extension of the free entitlement for three and four year olds. The panel have also considered each element to ensure that it represented an investment that would lead to an improvement in the quality of early years provision and value for money. EOI's from settings with a low rating for quality have been reviewed and, where necessary, revised to ensure that the funding allocated supports the setting in improving quality. Any elements that were considered to be general maintenance or non-capital items have been discounted.

- 3.6 Settings who had submitted EOI's that met the above criteria were then invited to submit a fuller, costed application. Each scheme over £20,000 has been allocated an additional 10% contingency and all schemes for properties not owned by the London Borough of Bromley have had an allowance for VAT at 17.5% included within the costing.
- 3.7 The allocations, grouped alphabetically by ward, are set out in **Appendix 1**. Full details of each application and the reasons for recommending any reductions to the schemes compared to the application are available in the Members' Room.
- 3.8 Each setting has been scored against the priorities agreed by the Portfolio Holder at the meeting on 13 July 2009; the higher the score the closer the match to the agreed priorities. The rating for quality is defined by the Early Years Quality Improvement Programme; the rating for condition is based on a survey of settings; the rating for deprivation is based on "Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index" (IDACI). Settings have also been scored based on the proportion of registered places that are supported by 3 and 4 year old funding and to reflect the number of children who would benefit from the scheme. This method of scoring gives a maximum total score for a setting of **16**. The ranking of applications received based on this scoring is set out in **Appendix 2a and 2b**.
- 3.9 Due to the extended timeframes inherent in capital projects and the time-limited nature of the funding (which must be spent by 31 March 2011), the panel have submitted a group of schemes for priority approval as shown in **Appendix 2a**. The schemes supported by the panel total £562,562 (including contingency and VAT if applicable). These schemes are supported ahead of the others because they were either previously approved, but further analysis has shown that additional investment is required (indicated with a *), are maintained nursery class provision, or, in the case of Holy Trinity, have outdoor toilets and no hot running water and the scoring does not adequately represent the urgency of this situation.
- 3.10 There is currently insufficient capital grant funding available to support the remaining schemes as shown in **Appendix 2b**, but it is requested that the CYPFH approve the prioritisation so that these schemes can be progressed, in the order of prioritisation shown, should funding be released from other early years schemes that do not progress, or schemes that underspend.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This work will support the implementation of the Childcare Act duties specifically in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage, Flexible Free Entitlement for Early Years and Childcare Access and Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. This capital investment is also in keeping with the current Government's priority for improvement of pre-school provision.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) allocated the London Borough of Bromley a total of £4,091,853 in capital grant over a three year period (2008-2011) to support quality and access in early years settings. A balance of £565,702 is available for these final capital schemes.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Childcare Act 2006 legislation is dedicated to the provision of early years and childcare. The Act set the framework of local responsibilities and reinforces the Local Authority's role as strategic leader of children's trusts, market manager and commissioner of services.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Report DCYP08064 – Early Years Capital Funding 2008-11 Report DCYP09090 – Early Years Capital Funding – Strategic Proposal and Budget Allocation for Larger Projects Report DCYP09154 – Early Years Capital Funding – Proposed Prioritisation

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL SETTINGS IN WARD ORDER

Playgroup Name	Postcode	Ward	Reg Nos	Capital Funding Received via Other Capital Grants	Proposed Allocation (incl VAT and Contingency)
PALs Pre-School	BR1 3AR	Bickley	26		£1,632
Widmore Nursery	BR1 2SQ	Bickley	25		£2,879
Goslings Day Nursery	BR2 8HE	Bromley Common and Keston	30	£10,421	£8,813
Holy Trinity Pre-School	BR2 8LB	Bromley Common and Keston	28		64,625
Lemongrove Day Nursery	BR2 9SX	Bromley Common and Keston	24		£11,750
Love and Learn Montessori Pre-School	BR2 8NJ	Bromley Common and Keston	26		£5,875
Princes Plain Primary Nursery Class	BR2 8LD	Bromley Common and Keston	26		11,750
Rainbow Day Nursery	BR2 9AF	Bromley Town	40	£5,750	£11,750
Cannock House Day Nursery	BR6 7PH	Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	136	£14,823	£11,750
Farringtons Day Nursery	BR7 6LR	Chislehurst	N/A		£3,525
Village Nurseries – Redhill	BR7 6DA	Chislehurst	42		£8,813
Beckenham Baptist Church Pre-School	BR3 4JB	Clock House	24	£8,782	£1,175
Churchfields Primary Nursery Class	BR3 4QR	Clock House	26		12,103
St Michaels Pre-School Playgroup/Stewart Fleming	BR3 4SS	Clock House	32	938	23,500
Beckenham Montessori PS	BR3 6NQ	Copers Cope	46	£3,677	£2,021
Bishop Challoner School	BR2 0BS	Copers Cope	N/A		£11,750
Ladybird Day Nursery	BR3 5JD	Copers Cope	34	£1,150	£6,463
Happy Pre-School	BR5 4AL	Cray Valley East	26	£21,294	£9,006
Mrs Bonds Village Nursery	BR5 4AX	Cray Valley East	40	£11,152	£7,873
St Paul's Cray Primary Nursery Class	BR5 3WD	Cray Valley East	26		150,000
Threshers Day Nursery *	BR5 4AX	Cray Valley East	40		165,000
Twixus Day Nursery	BR5 3SZ	Cray Valley East	99	£5,000	£30,233
Grays Farm Primary Nursery Class	BR5 3BD	Cray Valley West	26		3,760
Leesons Primary School/Shelly Tots Pre-School	BR5 2LS	Cray Valley West	24	£5,449	£11,750
Poverest Nursery	BR5 2DQ	Cray Valley West	24		£3,349
St Barnabas Pre-School	BR5 2PU	Cray Valley West	24		£6,345
James Dixon Primary Nursery Class	SE20 8BW	Crystal Palace	26		7,050
Crofton Early Learners	BR5 1HD	Farnborough and Crofton	32	£13,817	£32,183
Baston Pre-school	BR2 7AB	Hayes and Coney Hall	N/A		£5,875
Gates Green Pre-school	BR4 9JW	Hayes and Coney Hall	32	£55,000	£11,750
Hayeswick Day Nursery	BR4 9BW	Hayes and Coney Hall	53	£30,685	£27,365
Pickhurst Lodge Pre-school	BR2 7HU	Hayes and Coney Hall	56		£5,875
Squirrels Pre-school	BR4 0HL	Hayes and Coney Hall	26	£4,850	£51,700
Winchilsea House Day Nursery	BR3 3BX	Kelsey and Eden Park	25		£14,229
Blenheim Day Nursery	BR6 9BH	Orpington	33	£8,953	£3,525
Liberal House Pre-school	BR6 0RZ	Orpington	25	£3,670	£5,875
Community Vision Nursery	SE20 8PD	Penge and Cator	55	£12,900	£2,938
Kentwood Nursery	SE20 7PR	Penge and Cator	31		£8,636
Malcolm Primary Nursery Class	SE20 8RH	Penge and Cator	26		6,580
Penge Community Pre-School	SE20 8QA	Penge and Cator	32		£5,875
Lakeswood Pre-school	BR5 1BJ	Petts Wood and Knoll	26	£4,600	£1,175
Ready Steady Go *	BR1 3QG	Plaistow and Sundridge	32	4,960	90,475
Sunshine Montessori Pre-School	BR1 3HR	Plaistow and Sundridge	24		£1,410
St David's College	BR4 0QS	West Wickham	N/A		£14,688
Frankhams fees					£23,000
Property fees for administration of Phase 3					£7,386
Total				£227,871	£915,077

**SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR
PRIORITY SETTINGS IN SCORE ORDER**

Playgroup Name	Postcode	Ward	Reg Nos	Total Added Score	Capital Funding Received via Other Capital Grants	Original Application Amount (incl Vat and Contingency)	Proposed Allocation (incl VAT and Contingency)	Cumulative Total (incl VAT and contingency)
Grays Farm Primary Nursery Class	BR5 3BD	Cray Valley West	26	12		3,760	3,760	3,760
Ready Steady Go *	BR1 3QG	Plaistow and Sundridge	32	12	4,960	178,644	90,475	94,235
Threshers Day Nursery *	BR5 4AX	Cray Valley East	40	12		3,300	165,000	259,235
Malcolm Primary Nursery Class	SE20 8RH	Penge and Cator	26	12		6,580	6,580	265,815
Princes Plain Primary Nursery Class	BR2 8LD	Bromley Common and Keston	26	11		11,750	11,750	277,565
St Michaels Pre-School Playgroup/Stewart Fleming	BR3 4SS	Clock House	32	11	938	370,000	23,500	301,065
Churchfields Primary Nursery Class	BR3 4QR	Clock House	26	11		12,103	12,103	313,168
James Dixon Primary Nursery Class	SE20 8BW	Crystal Palace	26	10		7,050	7,050	320,218
St Paul's Cray Primary Nursery Class	BR5 3WD	Cray Valley East	26	10		150,000	150,000	470,218
Holy Trinity Pre-School	BR2 8LB	Bromley Common and Keston	28	9		64,625	64,625	534,843
Frankhams fees							23,000	557,843
Property fees for administration of Phase 3							4,719	562,562
Total					£5,898	£807,812	£562,562	

**SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR
REMAINING SETTINGS IN SCORE ORDER**

Playgroup Name	Postcode	Ward	Reg Nos	Total Added Score	Capital Funding Received via Other Capital Grants	Original Application Amount (incl Vat and Contingency)	Proposed Allocation (incl VAT and Contingency)	Cumulative Total (incl VAT and contingency)
Penge Community Pre-School	SE20 8QA	Penge and Cator	32	3		£10,000	£5,875	£5,875
Beckenham Montessori PS	BR3 6NQ	Copers Cope	46	4	£3,677		£2,021	£7,896
Poverest Nursery	BR5 2DQ	Cray Valley West	24	4		£20,000	£3,349	£11,245
Sunshine Montessori Pre-School	BR1 3HR	Plaistow and Sundridge	24	4		£45,000	£1,410	£12,655
Mrs Bonds Village Nursery	BR5 4AX	Cray Valley East	40	1	£11,152	£25,000	£7,873	£20,527
PALs Pre-School	BR1 3AR	Bickley	26	4		£7,500	£1,632	£22,159
Kentwood Nursery	SE20 7PR	Penge and Cator	31	3		£20,000	£8,636	£30,795
Village Nurseries - Redhill	BR7 6DA	Chislehurst	42	3		£25,000	£8,813	£39,608
Pickhurst Lodge Pre-School	BR2 7HU	Hayes and Coney Hall	56	4		£37,250	£5,875	£45,483
Ladybird Day Nursery	BR3 5JD	Copers Cope	34	3	£1,150	£15,000	£6,463	£51,945
St Barnabas Pre-School	BR5 2PU	Cray Valley West	24	3		£10,000	£6,345	£58,290
Widmore Nursery	BR1 2SQ	Bickley	25	4		£15,000	£2,879	£61,169
Gates Green Pre-School	BR4 9JW	Hayes and Coney Hall	32	0	£55,000	£15,000	£11,750	£72,919
Lakeswood Pre-School	BR5 1BJ	Petts Wood and Knoll	26	3	£4,600	£5,000	£1,175	£74,094
Squirrels Pre-School	BR4 0HL	Hayes and Coney Hall	26	0	£4,850	£85,000	£51,700	£125,794
Beckenham Baptist Church Pre-School	BR3 4JB	Clock House	24	2	£8,782	£1,000	£1,175	£126,969
Love and Learn Montessori Pre School	BR2 8NJ	Bromley Common and Keston	26	3			£5,875	£132,844
Leesons Primary School/ Shelly Tots Pre-School	BR5 2LS	Cray Valley West	24	1	£5,449	£40,000	£11,750	£144,594
Twixus Day Nursery	BR5 3SZ	Cray Valley East	99	2	£5,000	£60,000	£30,233	£174,827
Hayeswick Day Nursery	BR4 9BW	Hayes and Coney Hall	53	1	£30,685	£40,000	£27,365	£202,191
Winchilsea House Day Nursery	BR3 3BX	Kelsey and Eden Park	25	1		£20,000	£14,229	£216,421
Blenheim Day Nursery	BR6 9BH	Orpington	33	2	£8,953	£15,000	£3,525	£219,946
Happy Pre-School	BR5 4AL	Cray Valley East	26	0	£21,294	£5,000	£9,006	£228,952
Rainbow Day Nursery	BR2 9AF	Bromley Town	40	2	£5,750	£68,000	£11,750	£240,702
Goslings Day Nursery	BR2 8HE	Bromley Common and Keston	30	1	£10,421	£7,500	£8,813	£249,515
Liberal House Pre-School	BR6 0RZ	Orpington	25	2	£3,670	£10,000	£5,875	£255,390
Crofton Early Learners	BR5 1HD	Farnborough and Crofton	32	0	£13,817	£25,000	£32,183	£287,573
Community Vision Nursery	SE20 8PD	Penge and Cator	55	2	£12,900	£15,000	£2,938	£290,510
Cannock House Day Nursery	BR6 7PH	Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	136	3	£14,823	£55,000	£11,750	£302,260
Farringtons Day Nursery	BR7 6LR	Chislehurst	N/A	0		£3,000	£3,525	£305,785
Lemongrove Day Nursery	BR2 9SX	Bromley Common and Keston	24	2		£20,000	£11,750	£317,535
St David's College	BR4 0QS	West Wickham	N/A	0		£20,000	£14,688	£332,223
Baston Pre-School	BR2 7AB	Hayes and Coney Hall	N/A	0		£15,000	£5,875	£338,098
Bishop Challoner School	BR2 0BS	Copers Cope	N/A	0		£50,000	£11,750	£349,848
Property fees for administration of Phase 3							£2,667	£352,515
Total					£221,973		£352,515	