

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: THE BROMLEY SEED CHALLENGE SCHEME

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed allocation of £300,000 that is available within the Council's Capital Programme through the Bromley Seed Challenge Scheme to deal with priority premises issues at Bromley schools.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **That the Executive Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People approve the list of schemes set out in the Appendix to this report.**
- 2.2 **That, where appropriate, the Director of Children and Young People Services be authorised to submit planning applications at the appropriate time in respect of the schemes set out in this report.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £310,000
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-recurring cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £300,000
 5. Source of funding: DCSF Capital Grant and contribution from Dedicated Schools 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: Non-statutory - Government guidance:
 2. Call in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - 10,000 (total of pupils in schools affected)
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

2.3 On the 2 March the Children and Young People PDS committee gave support to a report which recommended £300,000 is allocated to Seed Challenge for 2010-2011. On 8 March 2010 the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder approved an allocation of £300,000 to a new round of the Bromley Seed Challenge programme for the 2010-11 financial year. This followed on from the Government's Seed Challenge Initiative that had been in operation since 2000. This scheme came to an end with the 2004-2005 allocation. A significant feature of the Government's scheme was the requirement for matched funding from schools. This was recognised as one of the scheme's major strengths as it had engendered a genuine sense of partnership. It was recognised that Seed Challenge had provided a valuable source of funding for school buildings improvement projects and consequently it was concluded in 2005 that Bromley should introduce its own version to enable this work to continue. The funding was part of a wider package of works to support schemes to address suitability issues across Bromley schools. This report sets out those schemes that are recommended for support in the 2010-11 programme.

2.4 The rules that will operate for Bromley's Seed Challenge scheme are as follows:

- Primary and special schools can receive a maximum grant of up to 50% of the total cost of a project.
- Secondary schools can receive a maximum grant of up to 34% of the total cost of a project.
- The minimum size of project to be considered for support will be £5,000.
- The maximum size of scheme to be supported will be £100,000. Therefore the maximum grant available would be £50,000 to a primary or special school and £33,000 to a secondary school. In some circumstances consideration will be given to support a larger scheme, although the grant maxima would still apply. An example would be support for a scheme supported through a variety of funding means where Seed Challenge support would enable the scheme to progress.
- The timescale for this process has meant that schools will have little chance to plan for and undertake work during the forthcoming summer holiday period. Given that in many cases the work will be such that it will need to be carried out during a holiday period, schools are being given until the end of August 2011 to complete works and claim funding from the Authority.

2.5 Schools were asked to register expressions of interest. That process has recently come to a conclusion and the full list of submitted bids is set out in the Appendix to this report. The total Seed Challenge support sought for each scheme amounts to £1,272,510. Given that the funding available to support these schemes is £300,000 it has been necessary to undertake a prioritisation exercise to determine the schemes that should be supported. The Director of Children and Young People Services met with the Assistant Director (Access and Inclusion) and the Education and Capital Projects Manager to review the submitted schemes. The following priority areas were used when assessing schemes:

- Urgent health and safety issues.
- Urgent security issues.
- Contribution to raising educational attainment.
- Level of support already received through recent rounds of Seed Challenge.

2.6 A full list of all schemes together with an indication of whether officers are recommending support is attached as the Appendix to this report. The total schemes supported will require grant aid of £310,417. The small amount of over-programming is likely to be contained within the slippage that normally occurs on this programme.

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 One of the main aims of the Department's Three Year Strategy under the heading 'Education Asset Management' is to ensure that all the partners in the asset management planning processes are fully consulted on the process and its outcomes. Progression of these schemes will assist in meeting two of the key outcomes under the 'Every Child Matters' agenda; Enjoy and Achieve in that the schemes will help children to attend and enjoy school and Stay Safe in that some schemes will reduce the risk of accidental injury and death.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report makes recommendations on schemes that should be supported under the Bromley Seed Challenge Scheme. The total allocation to support these schemes of £300,000 will be included within the Children and Young People Services Capital Programme. The proposed schemes to be supported will require grant of £310,417. The small amount of over-programming of £10,417 will be contained through slippage on individual schemes.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel and Legal Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Applications from individual schools.

Seed Challenge 2010-2011

School	Scheme	Total Cost	Seed challenge support sought	Supported or in reserve	Reason for Recommendation
Biggin Hill Primary	Redecoration of junior department including corridors, fixtures and fittings and redecoration of infant hall	£22,000	£11,000	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Highfield Infant	Develop the Foundation Stage area to make it more fit for purpose	£44,898	£22,449	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Marjorie McClure	Extend one primary classroom and art room providing sufficient space for wheelchair users and provision of sensory space for PMLD students	£100,000	£50,000	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety. This is a scheme of significant size and we should be satisfied that appropriate professional advice were in place.
Oak Lodge Primary	Refurbishment of library to provide learning space for dance, music & drama	£99,900	£49,950	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Southborough	Creation of x3 no small teaching rooms by conversion of existing space	£49,950	£24,975	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
St Paul's Cray	New modular structure to house nursery and reception class to create Early Years Foundation Stage Unit	£98,000	£49,000	supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Hawes Down Infant	Introduction of new children's toilets in central location within revised classroom layout	£47,400	£23,700	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Chelsfield Primary	Introduction of CCTV security system	£17,700	£8,850	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
St Peter & St Paul's	Introduction of CCTV security system	£26,100	£13,050	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Burwood	New Secure entrance hall and reception with ramped access to comply with DDA	£95,000	£47,500	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on security and health and safety.

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Crofton Infant	Formation of DDA pedestrian access ramp and assisted door operators to main school entrance	£33,000	£16,500	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Green St Green	Alterations to front gate including DDA parking bay	£22,370	£11,185	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Poverest	Creation of DDA accessible/pupil toilet facility	£13,750	£6,875	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
St Philomena's	Formation of DDA access point to assembly hall to include chair lift, and to increase reception area.	£38,200	£19,100	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Hawes Down Junior	Installation of barriers to control vehicle access to main entrance	£29,800	£14,900	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Red Hill	Introduction of secure boundary fencing to divide main car park from pedestrian pathways	£18,800	£9,400	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on security and health and safety.
St Mary Cray	Installation of canopy to play area	£10,500	£5,250	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Stewart Fleming	Extend foundation stage outdoor learning environment i.e. canopies	£50,200	£25,100	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Warren Road Primary	Install canopies to outside Yr2 to match Yr1 (existing) and provide outdoor learning area	£19,000	£9,500	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Blenheim	Creation of outdoor classroom and performance area	£23,200	£11,600	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.

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Darrick Wood Infant	Introduction of purpose manufactured all-weather covered learning space to x3 no. classrooms, and canopy to playground to replace natural solar shading lost with development of Griffin Centre on site.	£34,500	£17,250	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Perry Hall	Introduction of purpose manufactured covered learning space to serve Early Years classroom	£28,900	£14,450	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Scotts Park	Creation of an outside classroom for studying bio-diversity	£14,314	£7,157	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
The Highway	Development of outdoor learning environment with addition of a 'Wildroom'	£10,323	£5,162	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme. The School is also benefiting from a £3m rebuild in the coming year.
Warren Road Primary	Refurbishment of outdoor learning area in main quad	£11,800	£5,900	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Castlecombe	To form a creative activity area to the playground with an enclosed safe adventure activity area	£16,300	£8,150	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes Primary	Formation of dedicated multi-use playground area for KS2	£46,900	£23,450	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Midfield Primary	Provision of secure, dual surface open space connected to current restricted play area to Special Opportunity Unit.	£17,500	£8,750	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Mottingham	Formation of dedicated, enclosed activity adventure area	£25,300	£12,650	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Riverside Beckenham	Re-instatement of part of playground where mobiles were formally sited, following re-development of site	£90,000	£45,000	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, a contribution of £50,000 is being made from planned maintenance funding to contribute towards the improvement of this external play area.

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Tubbenden	Formation of multi-use play area to serve KS1 and 2	£33,000	£16,500	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Balgowan	Installation of fixed play/activity equipment to play areas	£32,700	£16,350	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
James Dixon	Installation of fixed play equipment to KS1 playground	£12,000	£6,000	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Warren Road Primary	Re-surface sections of main playground including 200m ² section outside Yr2	£6,000	£3,000	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
St Vincent's Primary	Installation of all-weather-surface trim trail for KS1	£13,500	£6,750	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Warren Road Primary	Install creative tree trail among existing mature trees on site	£27,530	£13,765	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Princes Plain	Creation of a covered walkaway to transport hot food from kitchen to hall	£20,347	£10,174	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
St Mary Cray	New flooring to library and x2 no. classroom	£7,000	£3,500	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
St Peter & St Paul's	Alterations of main activity hall to accommodate multi activity use	£18,600	£9,300	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Southborough	Widening to footpath and improving drainage	£13,250	£6,625	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Secondary					
Beaverwood	Adaption and refurbishment of food technology classroom	£53,190	£18,085	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Beaverwood	Refurbishment to x3 no. Art & Design classrooms	£97,200	£33,048	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.

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Beaverwood	Refurbishment of L.R.C. to provide facilities for independent learning.	£45,900	£15,606	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Bullers Wood	Convert classroom to kitchen for catering & hospitality apprenticeships	£41,970	£14,270	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Cator park	Extension to dining hall to also provide flexible addition to teaching accommodation.	£99,000	£33,660	Supported	This scheme is recommended for support as it scores well on curriculum improvement and health and safety.
Charles Darwin	Single storey extension to 6th form block	£98,100	£33,354	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Coopers TC	Creation of x2 no. music rooms	£28,600	£9,724	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Coopers TC	Refurbishment of ICT suit	£29,900	£10,166	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Darrick Wood Senior	Upgrade of x2 no science labs (as part of rolling programme to upgrade x6)	£94,000	£31,960	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes	Adaptation of x6 classrooms to create 6th form centre	£83,000	£28,220	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Langley Park Girls	Refurbishment of Pupil Learning Support area	£62,500	£21,250	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Langley Park Girls	Refurbishment of staff room areas	£66,000	£22,440	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Langley Park Girls	Refurbishment of 6th form base	£60,000	£20,400	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
The Priory	Refurbishment of Humanities block	£76,671	£26,068	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.

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The Ravensbourne	To extend sprung floor in dance studio	£26,000	£8,840	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Ravens Wood	Re-development of old hall area to include construction of new lecture theatre, new teaching spaces, music practise rooms and office spaces.	£155,000	£52,700	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
The Ravensbourne	Installation of DDA ramp to front of school	£10,000	£3,400	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Kemnal TC	Contribution to Teacher training centre with grant to go towards IT equipment	£75,000	£25,500	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Bullers Wood	Replace vehicle barrier with security gates and pedestrian gate at St Nicolas Lane entrance (automate existing gates)	£10,265	£3,490	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Darrick Wood Senior	Improvements to front gates and fencing	£40,000	£13,600	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes	Installation of barriers to control vehicle access to main entrance	£15,000	£5,100	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes	Replacement of perimeter fencing	£30,000	£10,200	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Bullers Wood	To improve and make safe footpaths to area adjacent new dalo building	£21,550	£7,327	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Hayes	Installation of goods lift in science block	£15,000	£5,100	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
St Olave's	New 'safe access' roof to fives courts	£12,198	£4,147	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report

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Beaverwood	Creation of covered outdoor learning space	£91,850	£31,229	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Darrick Wood Senior	Provision of external learning area	£89,882	£30,560	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes	Replacement of cricket pitch	£8,000	£2,720	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Hayes	Creation of long jump pit	£25,000	£8,500	Not supported	Whilst this scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement, the scheme scores less highly as a result of the School's recent allocation under this Programme.
Kemnal Technology College	Creation of x3 no. hard surface tennis courts	£72,000	£24,480	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
Langley Park Girls	Increase to provision of toilet facilities	£100,000	£34,000	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
The Ravensbourne	Refurbishment of KS4 toilets	£40,000	£13,600	Not supported	Whilst the scheme would provide a worthwhile improvement to the accommodation available to the school, it does not score highly against the other criteria set out in the report
	Total grant required for supported schemes		£310,417		