

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	3 June 2015
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Children's Services Early Education Funding Capital Grants 2015/16
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	6625
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed Children's Services Early Education Funding Capital Grants for 2015/16 and any revised Capital Grant allocations for 2014/15.
- 1.2 At the Executive Lead Member Children's Services meeting in July 2014, it was reported that a request had been submitted to the Department for Education for a further £700,000 of Two Year Old Trajectory revenue funding to be converted to capital. This approval has now been given
- 1.3 The proposals contained within this report represent strategic and necessary investment for Hampshire pre-school children in order to meet the requirements of the 2 Year Old free education offer.

### 2. Background

#### **Early Education Funding for two year olds from lower income households**

- 2.1 In Hampshire there are approximately 4000 children likely to be eligible for funding and as at January 2015, the current take up is 59%. Take up is growing on a daily basis and there over 10,000 places for two year olds within the childcare market however, these are not necessarily in the places where

there is high demand. The projects proposed in this latest round of the capital enable development places where parental demand is not met by supply.

- 2.2. In 2012/13, the Department for Education announced capital funding of £100 million to support the implementation of early education for two year olds from lower income households. Hampshire's share of this grant was £1.652m together with £600,000 revenue to capital transfer as approved in October 2013. Initial tranches of funding and proposed projects were approved in October 2013.
- 2.3 At the Executive Lead Member Children's Services meeting in July 2014, it was reported that a further £700,000 of Two Year Old Trajectory Revenue Funding had been requested to be converted to capital. This was subject to approval by the Department for Education and Schools Forum for which approval has now been given.
- 2.4 At that meeting proposals for the use of the total £2.952m were agreed, including spend on Hampshire County Council sites (not requiring formal grant approval) and a small contingency.
- 2.5 This report seeks approval for changes to the allocations approved in July 2014 and for new projects in 2015, utilising underspend.

### 3. Amendments to the Early Years Funding Capital Grant allocations for 2014/15

- 3.1 The following table shows the updated allocations for projects previously approved:

District	Ward	Type of setting and project	Number of 2 Year Old places created	Capital Award Approved July 2014	Current Award recommended and reason for change
Basingstoke	Chineham	Pre-school - expansion of setting at leased premises	up to 16	£53,000	£73,000 - additional costs due to planning conditions
Havant	Leigh Park	Day Nursery – new provision on HCC school site	up to 24 plus up to 36 for 3 and 4 year olds	£200,000	£235,000 - additional fire regulations and unforeseen costs
Eastleigh	Eastleigh South	Pre-school - expansion of setting on HCC site	up to 16	£50,000	£0 - project now being self-funded
East Hampshire	Clanfield	Pre-school - expansion of setting on HCC site	up to 24	£100,000	£100,000 - project now defined in Clanfield not Petersfield
New Forest	Brockenhurst	Day Nursery - support for premises at risk	up to 32	£80,000	£0 - project fully funded from other sources
Total				£483,000	£408,000

3.2 The updated allocations in the table above show a net reduction to the Early Years programme of £75,000. This, together with variances on other schemes (including County Council sites) and the balance of contingency, means that there is £166,000 in total available for allocation. Proposals are set out in section 4 below.

#### 4. Early Years Funding Capital Grant allocations for 2015/16

4.1 The following table shows the recommended new grants utilising underspend:

District	Ward	Type of setting and project	Number of 2 Year Old places to be created	Capital Grant recommended
Basingstoke	Kempshott	Pre-school – alterations to leased premises	up to 8	£12,000
East Hampshire	Liphook	Day Nursery – contribution to required refurbishment	up to 24	£12,000
East Hampshire	Petersfield	Pre-school – refurbishments to leased premises	up to 8	£22,000
Havant	Leigh Park	Pre-school – contribution to expansion costs	up to 24	£14,150
Rushmoor	Fernhill	Pre-school – expansion to HCC owned premises	up to 24	£100,000
Total				£160,150

4.2 This leaves a contingency balance of about £6,000.

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1 That the revised capital grants for 2014/15 and new recommended grants for 2015/16 are approved.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes

*NB: If the 'Other significant links' section below is not applicable, please delete it.*

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u> Childrens Services Capital Programme Update	<u>Reference</u> 5800	<u>Date</u> July 2014
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u> Childcare Act Early Education and Childcare statutory Guidance		<u>Date</u> 2006 2013

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

This proposal will have a low or no impact on groups with protected characteristics. It aims to provide additional support to families with low income and to improve outcomes for vulnerable children.

### **1. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

There is no identified impact

### **2. Climate Change:**

#### **2.1 How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?**

There is no identified impact

#### **2.2 How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?**

There is no identified impact