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**Cabinet Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

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**Sure Start Capital Strategy 2008-2011**

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Report of the Interim Corporate Director, Children & Young People's Services

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The Children and Young Peoples Service capital programme received approval by cabinet on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009. A number of schemes were given permission to proceed subject to a further cabinet report approving the detailed implementation of the scheme, this included the Sure Start Grant funded programmes. This report informs of the work undertaken to date and proposes how these funds might best be deployed to meet the government requirements and contribute to the 'one Leicester' Vision.

**2. Summary**

2.1 The Sure Start Capital Grant 2008-2011 is provided to the Local Authority from the Department for Children, Schools and families and ring-fenced for 2 purposes:

- To deliver 5 Phase 3 Main Children's Centres
- To improve the early years quality and access for all young children.

2.2 The Capital Programme will make a significant contribution to the One Leicester Vision particularly the 'Invest in our Children' strand. The Capital Programme will complete the Children's Centre programme, moving it from a targeted service for our most disadvantaged children to a universal service for all children.

2.3 The capital allocation for the Childcare and early learning sector will support the raising of learning standards in settings across the Private, Voluntary, Independent and maintained sector. The provision of these grants will also support the childcare sector in terms of sustainability. This is particularly important in the current economic climate. Childcare is an important component of any economic development strategy, as a significant proportion of our workforce will rely on good quality childcare to enable them to enter or return to the workforce. The childcare strategy team are currently working with the Working Neighbourhood funds Innovation sub- group to explore ways of supporting the sustainability of this sector. This work includes ensuring good links with the Multi – Access Centre programme. A further report on the Childcare sufficiency and sustainability Strategy will be brought to cabinet later in the year. The report will

address how we are working to support existing and develop new provision in areas, which require it.

**The Phase Three Children Centre** development is the final capital programme ring fenced for the development of Main children Centres sites.

The Phase 3 Programme presents the greatest challenge, with a reduced capital allocation, it requires we deliver 5 further main Centres (23 centres in total) and move from a targeted offer of services for those families in the greatest need to a universal offer of services for all children under 5 years by March 2010

This is within a context of an increase in the population of children under five taking the city above the government's estimation and that most of our young children live in our most disadvantaged areas. The government requires that we address those children's needs ahead of those who live in our more affluent areas. The rationale for this remains as in previous phases, that our children who grow up experiencing economic disadvantage need more to achieve the same outcomes as their peers who grow up in more affluent areas. This approach goes some way to ensuring equality in outcomes.

It is important to see the final phase of this programme in the context of the wider long term C.Y.P.S. capital strategy, where there are significant opportunities to continue to develop the facilities to deliver children centre services in each local community particularly through the primary school programme and other relevant capital developments such as Multi-access centres.

23 Children centres will not translate to a main children centre for every community but it will mean access to children centre core services for all children and families in Leicester through using a range of local community venues. Therefore the placing of a main children centre site will not preclude all parents and children receiving children centre core services.

2.5.1 A capital planning group have gone through a process of prioritising areas of the city (see main report ) and have concluded that the following areas should be put forward for consideration for a main Children centre.

- **Charnwood/Green Lane Road area**
- **Spinney Hill including Evington Road**
- **Aylestone including Knighton Fields**
- **Anstey Lane**
- **Hamilton**

2.5.2 All other areas of the city would receive a Children Centre service from a linked site location as indicated in point 4.13.3 in the main report.

2.5.3

The rationale for proposing these areas in short is as follows :

i) **Central Neighbourhood** falls completely into the bottom 30% and the government would require 2 further centres here due to the number of children and level of disadvantage, one to serve the Spinney Hill and Evington Rd Community and the second to serve the Charnwood and Green Lane Road community.

- ii) The following communities have a significant proportion of it's families living in the bottom 30% and also more significantly have high numbers of children who are not within reach of a main or linked site.
- iii) **South Neighbourhood** would require a centre to serve the Aylestone and Knighton Fields Communities.
- iv) **North West Neighbourhood** would require a centre to serve the abbey lane Anstey lane communities.

2.5.4 Given that we cannot provide a main centre for every community in the City. The group then considered all other areas of the city against further criteria :

2.5.5 Hidden Disadvantage

2.5.6 Increase in population

2.5.7 Potential for further housing

2.5.8 The team consulted with local health visitors regarding their perceptions of hidden disadvantage in different areas and with the school place planning team with regard population increases. They finally considered each area's potential for future housing development and based on this additional data would suggest consideration of the **Hamilton community in the North East Neighbourhood** for the location of final centre.

2.5.9 The rationale for this is geography of the area makes it difficult to access provision on an outreach basis. The local schools report increasing numbers of children and Health Visitors report this area as having the greatest level of hidden deprivation, in that there is significant numbers of private and housing association rented property increasing the number of families in the area living on a low income, The analyse showed that these issues were more significant in this area of the city than other areas without a main children centre.

2.4 C.Y.P.S. would suggest that because this is the last phase of the programme that another report should be provided to cabinet to approve the site of the centres.

2.5 **The Early Years Quality and Access** element of the capital grant is provided to the local authority for three purposes to:

- i) Improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities; and ICT resources.
- ii) Ensure all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision.
- iii) Enable Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers to deliver the increase in the free nursery education offer for 3 and 4 year olds and to do so flexibly.
- iv) Locally we have taken the national guidance and aligned our expenditure with other areas of work so that the capital improvements support our overall approach to

improving learning targeted at those children experiencing the greatest disadvantage. This year we invited applications from providers across the private, voluntary, and maintained sectors and prioritised awards that would support an improvement in the outdoor learning environment for our most disadvantaged children. We also piloted an approach to address Inclusion issues in one of our neighbourhoods. The full report suggests priorities for the next two years of investment, which we believe will have the greatest impact on learning outcomes and childcare sufficiency.

### 3 Recommendations (or OPTIONS)

- 3.5 **Approve the Sure Start Early years Quality and Access Grant Priorities as detailed in the main report and approve the application of the £2.927m early years and sustainability grant funding in block C of the CYPS capital programme.**
- 3.6 **Approve the process for assessing the grant applications by the Sure Start Grants panel and provide delegated authority to the Corporate/strategic Director in consultation with the lead member and Service Director A.I.P. for individual awards.**
- 3.7 **Approve the location of the Phase Three Children Centres and approve the application of the £1.738m Children centres phase three funding in block C of the CYPS capital programme.**
- 3.8 **Receive a further report to agree the sites for the phase three centres.**
- 3.9 **Delegate authority to the Corporate/Strategic Director in consultation with the Lead Member and Service Director A.I.P. for virement between the Early Years Quality Improvement strand and Children Centre strand if required.**

### 4 Report

- 4.1 The Sure Start Capital Grant 2008-2011 is provided to the Local Authority and ring-fenced for 2 purposes:

- v) **Deliver Phase 3 Children's Centres.**
- vi) **Improve the quality and access for all young children in early years and childcare.**

4.2 This Report will detail the progress made to achieving the outcomes required by the Government and seeks approval for further progression.

4.3 The total capital allocation provided to the Local Authority is £6.260m of which an indicative amount of £1,870m is available for Phase 3 Children's Centres and £1.464m annually (from 2008/09 to 2010/11) is available to childcare and early learning settings.

4.4 Both funding streams have been subject to previous Cabinet Reports and are managed as part of the wider CYPS Capital Programme.

4.5 The Capital Programme will make a significant contribution to the One Leicester Vision particularly the 'Invest in our Children' strand. The Capital Programme will complete the Children's Centre programme, moving it from a targeted to universal service and will support the raising of learning standards in childcare settings.

#### 4.6 Early Years Capital Allocation

4.6.1 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) allocated Leicester City Council £1,463,573 annually for three years from April 2008 - March 2011 to improve quality and access for all young children in early years and childcare. The Grant has three aims:

- i) To improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings to support delivery of the EYFS, with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities; and ICT resources.
- ii) To ensure all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision.
- iii) To enable PVI providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for 3 and 4 year olds and to do so flexibly.
- iv) CYPS Sure Start Grants Panel oversees the allocation of this element of the Grant as approved in previous Capital Strategy Report. Any individual allocation is given final approval by Lead Member in consultation with the Service Director, AIP.
- v) The Grant Panel have aligned the spend to the departmental priority of improving learning outcomes and have ensured that the award process reflected this.
- vi) The Government has given Local Authorities clear guidance on how they expect the Grant to be allocated in their letter of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 from Sheila Scales. "Our expectation is that the majority of this capital grant is used to improve the quality of the environment in private, voluntary and independent (PVI) early years and childcare settings both to support higher quality experiences for young children and to ensure that all children can access services and benefit from them, although spending on the maintained sector is not precluded."
- vii) We currently have more than 300 providers who are entitled to apply for funding.

- viii) Locally we have taken the national guidance and aligned our expenditure with other areas of work so that the capital improvements support our overall approach to improving learning targeted at those children experiencing the greatest disadvantage.
- ix) The Grants Panel has invited applications from providers across the private, voluntary, and maintained sectors and prioritised awards in 2008/09 using the following criteria:

#### 4.6.2 **Priority One**

- i) Improvements to the quality of the outdoor learning environments for nursery education funded settings. (Those in the 30% most disadvantaged SOA would be given further priority).
- ii) This recognises the focus on learning and particularly the Foundation Stage. The outdoor environment is just as crucial to learning as the indoor environment and is often a more effective place to learn for some children. We have found that boys can make more progress when offered an outdoor learning environment.
- iii) The Government has asked us to invest in improving play and physical activities and this money enhances the City's Play Strategy, which focuses on unsupervised play environments.
- iv) This block is the largest, reflecting the commitment to learning and has allocated an indicative £1,080,000 in 2008/09 to this area.

#### 4.6.3 **Priority Two**

- i) To improve access and inclusion for disabled children to nursery education settings in one pilot area.
- ii) This priority clearly aligns to our statutory obligation to close the outcome gap for young children by ensuring our most vulnerable to poor outcomes are able to access nursery education provision within the mainstream sector resulting in accelerated learning opportunities.
- iii) The Grant will allow providers to remove any physical and environmental barriers to inclusion.
- iv) The approach will be piloted in 2008/09 to assess demand in collaboration with the disabled children's inclusion service.
- v) The indicative allocation for this pilot will be £193,573.

#### 4.6.4 **Priority 3**

- i) To secure childcare sufficiency through capital development and sustainability grants.
- ii) This priority supports our statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to ensure sufficient childcare is available for those parents in work or training who require it.

- iii) Capital expenditure of this nature may support a provider to open or extend provision in an area of the City where additional childcare places are required in accordance with our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.
- iv) The indicative allocation for this priority is £190,000.
- v) Providers were given a minimum application limit of £24,000 in areas of disadvantage and £12,000 in other areas recognising the significant issues providers face in delivering childcare and learning in some of our most disadvantaged areas.
- vi) The Grants Panel met in December 2008 and recommended for Lead Member approval of 64 applications worth £1,239,491, averaging £19,000 per applicant for detail. (See Appendix 1)

#### 4.7 Evaluation of Impact

- 4.7.1 Our Terms and Conditions for accepting a grant offer will ensure that successful applicants complete a Quality Monitoring questionnaire. The questionnaires and associated evidence will be evaluated by the Childcare Sufficiency Team and the outcomes will be disseminated and used to inform future capital allocation processes. The population impact will be measured through an improvement in foundation stage profile scores and particularly the closing the gap curve.

#### 4.8 Priorities for 2009-2010

- 4.8.1 The Grants Panel and Stakeholder Group will meet in March 2009 to review the progress with achieving the priorities for 2008/09.

- 4.8.2 It is proposed that the following priorities are adopted (subject to the outcome of the Review).

##### 4.8.3 2009-2010 in priority order:

- i) Improve the quality of the outdoor learning environments for all nursery education providers in the private voluntary and non -schools maintained sector.
- ii) To support providers to meet the government target for 25% of children in most disadvantaged areas to meet the new extended flexible entitlement for nursery education.
- iii) To improve the outdoor learning environments in closed access out of school childcare providers (prioritising those in the 30% SOA).
- iv) To improve access and inclusion for disabled children to nursery education provision in a number of neighbourhoods to be determined.
- v) To secure childcare sufficiency in accordance with our childcare sufficiency assessment , particularly supporting the development of new provision in areas identified in the assessment using models such as social enterprise.

#### 4.9 **Priorities for 2010-2011 in priority order:**

- i) To improve the outdoor learning environments in closed access out of school childcare provision in all areas.
- ii) To support all providers to deliver the extended and flexible nursery education entitlement.
- iii) To improve access and inclusion for disabled children to nursery education provision in remaining neighbourhoods.
- iv) To improve the ICT provision for children in nursery education settings (prioritising those in the 30% SOA).
- vi) To secure childcare sufficiency in accordance with our childcare sufficiency assessment particularly supporting the development of new provision in areas identified in the assessment using models such as social enterprise.

#### 4.10 **Approval Process**

It is proposed that the existing arrangement to assess and sign off grants continues with the addition of an annual progress report to the Transforming the Learning Environment Board. This group could act as a sub-group of this Programme Board.

The process has two stages:

#### 4.11 **Assessment of Grant Applications**

This is undertaken by a stakeholder panel chaired by an independent Chair who is a childcare expert but not a provider.

##### i) **Approval**

The grants panel make recommendations to the Lead Member for CYPS, who can approve the individual Grant award in consultation with the D.C.S..

- ii) **To conclude**, this capital allocation will enhance care and learning environments for young children in Leicester wherever they receive their provision and support us to ensure that there is sufficient childcare for parents who require it.

#### 4.12 **Children's Centre Capital Allocation 2008-2010**

The Children's Centre Programme is well established in Leicester. The Children's Centre Strategy was agreed at Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2004 in a report that described the overall strategy and the plans for the first phase of the programme. The Council's 25 year vision 'One Leicester' has strong links to government programmes which aim to ensure that all children and young people reach their full potential. The Children's

Centre programme will play a key role in the delivery of One Leicester's aim of 'Investing in Children' and in the Integrated Service Hubs which will integrate service provision for children 0 - 19 years within a neighbourhood model.

#### 4.12.1 Phase 1 Centres

Phase 1 Children's Centres (2004-06) were developed to serve families living in the 20% most disadvantaged wards (based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2000). The following Centres are now fully operational:

- Beaumont Leys
- St Matthews
- Saffron
- Braunstone
- Highfields
- New Parks
- Belgrave and Rushey Mead
- Northfields and West Humberstone
- Thurnby Lodge
- West End
- Eyres Monsell and Gilmorton

#### 4.12.2 Phase 2 Centres

Phase 2 Children's Centres (2006-08) were developed to serve families living in the 30% most disadvantaged wards (based on the ODPM Super Output Areas).

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| ▪ Rowlatts Hill                    | completed November 2008 |
| ▪ Mowmacre                         | completed December 2008 |
| ▪ Rowley Fields (South Braunstone) | completed January 2008  |
| ▪ North Evington (Crown Hills)     | completed October 2008  |
| ▪ Rushey Mead (Loughborough Road)  | completed July 2008     |
| ▪ Braunstone Frith                 | completed November 2007 |
| ▪ Netherhall                       | completed March 2008    |

#### 4.12.3 Phase 3 Planning and Delivery Guidance and Government Expectations

- i) The Government's intentions for the final phase of the Children's Centres Programme have been made clear in the Phase 3 Planning and Delivery Guidance (DCSF 2007).

4.12.4 "In Phase 3, as in previous Phases, it may not always be possible to deliver all services from one building, although this should always be the preferred option...and, local authorities should consider the opportunities for children's centres to co-locate with maintained nursery and primary schools in particular.

- ii) Local Authorities are not expected to plan major new build centres in Phase 3. Government expects to see modifications/extensions of existing premises rather than large new builds.
- iii) It is important that local authorities take into account levels of need and demand for services when allocating funding so that centres serving the most disadvantaged children receive the most resources."

#### 4.12.5 Key Challenges

The Phase 3 Programme presents the greatest challenge, with a reduced capital allocation, it requires we deliver 5 further Centres and move from a targeted offer to a universal offer for all children under 5 years by March 2010.

The key challenges are:

- i) The Government ratio of 1 Centre for every 800-1000 children is not possible to achieve in Leicester within the Government funding level for 23 Centres. In Leicester we have 26,775 children under five (information supplied by the N.H.S. using children registered with GPs) which results in a ratio of 1 centre to every 1,164 children. This will mean that not every community will have a full main children's centre building and we will need to look to utilise the hub and spoke model so that even if a community does not have a main centre, each neighbourhood will ensure that the full range of services are available and delivered at local linked sites.
- ii) The low level of capital allocation for this round means that we in the main are only able to consider a refurbished programme of existing space which is significantly different to Phases 1 and 2 where we predominantly built new buildings on school sites. This will limit the choices available for development significantly.
- iii) The number of children under 5 living in the 30% most disadvantaged areas in Leicester is high and means that we will still need to reach those children as a priority in Phase 3.
- iv) The Government are clear that this is a requirement, however, given the number of centres we have been funded for, this means our smaller affluent areas of the City will not be able to have a main centre but will need to receive their services from linked delivery sites such as a school community space.
- v) We believe that this is achievable as no one centre could or should be the only site for services to be delivered from.
- vi) The timeline for Phase 3 is much shorter than other associated capital programmes such as the primary capital programme and whilst we can try to ensure we future-proof decisions, it gives little opportunity at this stage to combine resources.
- vii) The Capital Programme needs to consider potential housing development within the City and the impact any development may have on numbers of children under 5 years, given the present economic climate. Forecasting accurately is difficult.
- viii) Whilst the challenges with the Phase 3 Programme are great, so is the opportunity to ensure all children benefit from the core offer of services.

#### 4.12.6 **Phase 3 Planning Process**

Leicester is expected to develop 5 further Children's Centres by March 2010 with a capital allocation of £1,869,923,000 .

- i) The revenue allocation is provided to the Local Authority through the Sure Start Grant, which increases in 2010-2011 to take account of the additional centres. It is important

to recognise that whilst the capital programme needs to consider numbers of children, deprivation and distance from nearest children's centre, the neighbourhood revenue allocation for each area will be provided on the basis a number of children and deprivation factors so **whether an individual community has a main centre does not impact on the revenue budget for neighbourhood level services.**

- ii) The Children's Centre Capital Planning Group was merged with the Integrated Services Capital Group to ensure a co-ordinated approach to developing our integrated sites .The group also includes representatives from corporate property, multi access centres, and community services to ensure we maximise the opportunities to join up capital approaches.
- iii) A small sub-group has used the capital strategy principles agreed by Cabinet on 24 April 2006 for Phase 2 provision and assessed how those principles could be sustained for the Phase 3 Programme.
- iv) The capital planning Group membership has sought to join up approaches and funding streams to maximise the impact of our resources, however, the differing timelines make this unlikely to achieve and real synergies at this point. Officers will consider how the longer-term primary capital programme could produce opportunities for integrated and extended service delivery space in our schools that could be utilised as linked site for Children's Centre service delivery in the future.
- v) This will enable us to achieve universal coverage within pram pushing distance particularly for those communities which do not fall into the lowest disadvantage super output areas.

#### 4.12.7 Phase 3 Priority Areas for Location

The Planning Group have analysed the demographic information for areas of the City that young children live in and are not currently served by a Children's Centre. They are:

- Spinney Hill / Evington Road
- Hamilton/Humberstone
- Anstey Lane/Abbey Lane
- Stoneygate/Knighton/Evington
- Aylestone/Knighton Fields
- Heatherbrook
- City Centre
- Charnwood/Green Lane Road

- i) The Planning Group held a stakeholder conference in November 2008 and asked participants to define the criteria for placing a Children's Centre.
- ii) The outcome was in line with the Phase 2 criteria previously agreed by Cabinet.
  - Number of children
  - Greatest level of deprivation
  - No of Children's Centres within 5/8 of a mile (Government definition of pram pushing distance)

- iii) The Planning Group analysed the child population and deprivation data by neighbourhood and placed this alongside the areas of the city not within pram pushing distance of a main or linked children centre site. The group found that the following area of the city have sufficient numbers of children to require a main children centre (800-1000) and that they fall into areas who score within the lowest 30% super output areas.
- iv) **Central neighbourhood** falls completely into the bottom 30% and would require 2 further centres due to the number of children, one to serve the Spinney hill and Evington rd community and the second to serve the Charnwood and Green Lane Road community.
- v) The following communities have a significant proportion of it's families living in the bottom 30% and also more significantly have high numbers of children who are not within reach of a main or linked site.
  - **South Neighbourhood** would require a centre to serve the Aylestone and Knighton Fields communities.
  - **North West Neighbourhood** would require a centre to serve the abbey lane Anstey lane communities.
- vi) Given that we cannot provide a main centre for every community in the City, the group then considered all other areas in the city against the same three criteria but with a particular emphasis on the numbers of children and geography.
- vii) The planning group went on to consult with local health visitors regarding their perceptions of hidden disadvantage in different areas and with the school place planning team with regard population increases. They finally considered each area potential for future housing development and based on this additional data would suggest consideration of the Hamilton community for the location of final centre. This would be within the **North East Neighbourhood**. All other areas of the city would receive a Children Centre service from a linked site location.
- viii) Using that criteria the Planning Group suggests that the following geographical areas are considered for a main Children's Centre site.

#### 4.12.8 Phase 3 Children's Centre Proposed Locations

- Charnwood/ Green Lane Road area
- Spinney Hill/Evington Road
- Aylestone/Knighton Fields
- Anstey Lane/Abbey Lane
- Hamilton

#### 4.13 Addressing the Needs of Areas without a Main Children's Centre

- 4.13.1 The remaining communities not close to a main site will still receive the full range of Children's Centre services but through a linked site approach, which has the potential to

be further enhanced through future capital funding streams such as the primary school programme, MyPlace development, Childcare Strategy.

- 4.13.2 The Children's Centre Managers for each area will be required to work with the Neighbourhood Advisory Boards to agree how this may occur. It is further proposed that the future capital needs of the 0-12 age group are planned for as part of the Integrated Services Programme Capital Strategy overseen by the Transforming the learning Environment Board post Phase 3 Children's Centres.
- 4.13.3 The pattern of provision for the remaining areas would be served by the Children's Centres listed in the table below. **It is important to note that families will not be expected to travel to these centres to access services but arrangements will be made by these centres to provide services in local venues on an outreach basis.**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Children Centre Neighbourhood Responsible</b>
Stoneygate	North Evington Children's Centre
Rushey Mead	Woodgate Children's Centre
Clarendon Park/Knighton	Saffron Lane Children's Centre
Heatherbrook	Beaumont leys Children's Centre (home farm) linked site at Heatherbrook School
City Centre	Highfields Children's Centre, City Centre Hub
Evington	North Evington Children's Centre

- 4.13.4 This will ensure a universal offer of services to all children and families. It is likely that families will determine their own pattern of use which may depend on where they work or where their families live. This can already be seen in the use of some of our earlier developed areas.
- 4.13.5 Main Children's Centres will not restrict the use of their open access provision to people who only live locally.

#### 4.14 Identifying Appropriate Sites

The Planning Team proposed to use the same approach as in the previous phasing. That is to complete an Option Appraisal of all available sites against the agreed criteria. The team will then consult on those options with local communities starting with the relevant ward councillors.

- i) The option appraisal work has needed to commence in our proposed areas as the timetable has been condensed by a year (the original deadline was March 2011), however, this has not been taken to a public consultation stage.
- ii) The options are limited within Phase 3 as the capital available is smaller than previous rounds and the available building stock has also decreased. Some areas of the City pose (such as the Central Neighbourhood) a real challenge, as very often schools have no room for development.
- iii) However we are confident that there are viable options for all proposed areas.

#### 4.15 **The Criteria for Selection in Rank Order**

- Primary school site within the community it serves
- Existing available Local Authority buildings
- Partner Agency buildings
- The Independent sector

#### 4.16 **The Development Approach**

- i) As with previous phases, the Development Team proposed to utilise existing buildings through a refurbishment programme wherever possible, allocating the capital fund based on building needs rather than amount per building.

4.5 It is proposed that cabinet receive a further report to agree the sites for the phase three centres.

#### 4.17 **To Conclude**

- i) The Phase 3 Children's Centre Programme presents the Local Authority with a significant challenge but will also support this targeted service to become one that is universally available to all parents and young children. The centres will further develop their role in 2010 by taking responsibility for delivering integrated services for children 0-12 yrs.
- ii) The proposals for the last five Centres have been difficult to develop but need to be seen within the wider context of a longer term capital programme for the Children and Young People's Service. That will ensure that services are provided across a range of neighbourhood venues.
- iii) The entitlement to a Children's Centre service in 2010 will not depend on where you live, but how that service is delivered will differ. The use of the hub and spoke model will achieve a universal offer that evidence suggests will improve a range of outcomes for all of our children.

### **5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

#### **5.1. Financial Implications**

- 5.1.1** This report makes proposals for the use of the SureStart grant capital allocations of £2.927m for Early Years Sustainable Grant (£1.464m in each of 2009/10 and 2010/11, para. 4.6.1) and Children's Centres Phase 3 (£1.870m in 2010/11, para. 4.12.6). The allocations are included within Block C of the CYPS Capital Programme approved by Cabinet on 9 March and by Council on 26 March. It will be noted that the sum of £1.738m is shown in Block C for the Phase 3 Centres; this is because £132,000 of spending had been forecast in 2008/09, although this did not occur and will therefore be rolled forward to 2009/10 to make a total of £1.870m. The funding is therefore in the CYPS capital programme, however a

further Cabinet report seeking approval of the detailed implementation of the schemes is required before they can proceed. This report seeks to obtain such Cabinet approval.

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## 5.2 Legal Implications

5.2.1 Lawrence Mawson has advised me that there are no property implications at this stage.

5.2.2 I have read the proposed Report from a contractual perspective, so far you must ensure that the Contract Procedure Rules are complied with.

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## 6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting Information	References
Equal Opportunities			
Policy			
Sustainable and Environmental			
Crime and Disorder			
Human Rights Act			
Elderly/People on Low Income			

## 7. Risk Assessment Matrix

Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/appropriate)
1. Delay in agreeing the locations	M	H	Have alerted D.C.S.F. of approval process timeline
2. Unable to find appropriate sites in agreed location	L	H	Have begun optional appraisal of potential sites in suggested locations

## 8. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

## 9. Consultations

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## APPENDIX 1

<b>EARLY YEARS CAPITAL GRANT</b>	
<b>Applications recommended to date by the Grants Panel for 08-09</b>	
<b>ABBAY WARD</b>	
Milky Way Day Nursery Ltd	£24,000
Stocking Farm Pre-school	£22,370
Tudor Centre Pre-School	£19,170
<b>ABBAY WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£65,540</b>
<b>AYLESTONE WARD</b>	
Childcare Company Leicester, The	£10,063
Little Stars Day Nursery	£10,525
<b>AYLESTONE WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,588</b>
<b>BEAUMONT LEYS WARD</b>	
Babington Bear Nursery	£23,800
Barley Croft Pre-school	£6,629
Buttercups Day Nursery	£23,857
First Steps Pre-school Ltd	£15,406
Glebelands Pre-school and Out Of School Club Ltd	£19,609
Heatherbrook Pre-school	£13,770
Home Farm Playgroup	£23,750
Smartstart Nursery	£11,558
SureStart Beaumont Leys & Stocking Farm Centre	£24,000
<b>BEAUMONT LEYS WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£162,379</b>
<b>BELGRAVE WARD</b>	
Leicester Montessori School (Loughborough Rd) Ltd	£19,696
Windsor Private Day Nursery	£24,000
<b>BELGRAVE WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£43,696</b>
<b>BRAUNSTONE PARK &amp; ROWLEY FIELDS</b>	
Brite Early Years	£23,704
Sunflowers Neighbourhood Nursery	£9,036
Trinity Methodist Church Playgroup	£13,855
<b>BRAUNSTONE PARK &amp; ROWLEY FIELDS TOTAL</b>	<b>£46,595</b>
<b>CASTLE WARD</b>	
Children & Parents Centre	£24,000
City Nursery Ltd, The	£24,000
Holly Bush	£24,000
Leicester College Freemans Park Campus Nursery	£24,000
Poppies Day Nursery	£24,000
<b>CASTLE WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£120,000</b>

<b>EARLY YEARS CAPITAL GRANT</b>	
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<b>CHARNWOOD WARD</b>	
First Steps Day Nursery	£10,360
Spice Pre-school	£23,520
<b>CHARNWOOD WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,880</b>
<b>EVINGTON WARD</b>	
Bluebells Day Nursery	£9,768
Tiny Gems Nursery 11	£23,242
<b>EVINGTON WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,010</b>
<b>EYRES MONSELL WARD</b>	
Play Days Nursery	£24,000
<b>EYRES MONSELL WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£24,000</b>
<b>FOSSE WARD</b>	
Fosse Pre-school	£12,000
Gingers Childcare Ltd	£23,334
<b>FOSSE WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£35,334</b>
<b>FREEMEN WARD</b>	
Kingfisher Nursery	£24,000
St Christopher's Children & Family Centre	£24,000
<b>FREEMEN WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£48,000</b>
<b>HUMBERSTONE &amp; HAMILTON WARD</b>	
Hamilton Playgroup	£11,950
Humberstone Day Nursery	£11,991
<b>HUMBERSTONE &amp; HAMILTON WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£23,941</b>
<b>KNIGHTON WARD</b>	
Leicester Montessori Day Nursery (St Johns)	£10,694
Little Acorn Nursery	£12,000
St Mary's Pre-school Playgroup	£6,480
Stoneygate Montessori Nursery School Ltd (279 London Road)	£19,696
<b>KNIGHTON WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£48,870</b>
<b>LATIMER WARD</b>	
Belgrave & Rushey Mead Surestart Centre	£24,000
<b>LATIMER WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£24,000</b>

<b>- EARLY YEARS CAPITAL GRANT</b>	
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<b>NEW PARKS WARD</b>	
Cherry Tree Day Nursery	£24,000
Johnston Children & Family Centre (Apple Centre)	£16,516
Leicester Montessori School (Liberty Road)	£21,545
Little Fish Pre-school	£24,000
New Parks Pre-school	£19,628
<b>NEW PARKS WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£105,689</b>
<b>RUSHEY MEAD WARD</b>	
Herrick Playgroup	£12,000
Rainbow Co-operative Pre-school	£11,799
Sandfield Pre-school	£12,000
Thurmaston Day Nursery	£12,000
<b>RUSHEY MEAD TOTAL</b>	<b>£47,799</b>
<b>SPINNEY HILLS WARD</b>	
Highfields Centre	£18,012
Highfields Sure Start Nursery	£24,000
Kiddisafe Pre-school Playgroup (Linden Street)	£14,060
St George's Nursery	£22,706
St Peter's Playgroup	£24,000
<b>SPINNEY HILLS WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£102,778</b>
<b>STONEYGATE WARD</b>	
Hand In Hand Pre-school	£12,860
Leicester Montessori School (194 London Road)	£21,545
<b>STONEYGATE WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£34,405</b>
<b>THURNCOURT WARD</b>	
Playhouse Nursery School, The	£5,931
<b>THURNCOURT WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,931</b>
<b>WESTCOTES WARD</b>	
Allexton Day Nursery	£23,494
Hopscotch Playgroup	£15,450
River View Day Nursery	£23,815
Westleigh Nursery Ltd	£24,000
<b>WESTCOTES WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£86,759</b>
<b>WESTERN PARK WARD</b>	
Daneshill Nursery Ltd	£12,000
Westcotes Day Nursery	£21,151
Wingfield Day Nursery	£12,000
<b>WESTERN PARK WARD TOTAL</b>	<b>£45,151</b>

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<b>Ward Summary</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Abbey	£65,540
Aylestone	£20,588
Beaumont Leys	£162,379
Belgrave	£43,696
Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields	£46,595
Castle	£120,000
Charnwood	£33,880
Coleman	£0
Evington	£33,010
Eyres Monsell	£24,000
Fosse	£35,334
Freemen	£48,000
Humberstone & Hamilton	£23,941
Knighton	£48,870
Latimer	£24,000
New Parks	£105,689
Rushey Mead	£47,799
Spinney Hills	£102,778
Stoneygate	£34,405
Thurncourt	£5,931
Westcotes	£86,759
Western Park	£45,151
<b>TOTAL OF ALL SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>£1,158,345</b>