

(BARKING AND DAGENHAM SCHOOLS FORUM)

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Title: Healthy Pupils Capital Fund –Consultation	
Open	For Decision / For Information
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary: The report briefly outlines the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund which is a one off payment given to Local Authorities to support children’s and young people’s physical and mental health by improving and increasing availability of facilities. We wish to consult and seek the view of the Schools Forum in how this funding could be allocated in a way that would support a shared facility at Trewern and individual school specific projects.	
Recommendation(s) Schools Forum are asked for their views on the following (i) £165k is allocated to Trewern Outdoor Centre to enable the existing teaching provision be replace with a new classroom with additional dining facilities (ii) £165k is allocated to school based projects where schools will be invited to bid for funds. (iii) £39,673 is set aside as a contingency sum for any unforeseen issues which may arise when projects are being undertaken. Any balance unused would be set aside for a new additional school projects.	
Reason(s) None	

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 In 2018 the Government set aside £100m of revenue generated from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy (sugar tax) to the Healthy Schools Capital Fund Programme. The fund is intended to improve children's and young people's physical and mental health by improving and increasing availability to facilities for physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing and medical conditions.
- 1.2 Previously, single or small Academy Trusts were given the opportunity to bid directly to the DfE for funding through the Condition Improvement Fund 2018-19. Larger multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and Diocesan Schools have been allocated funding directly which is not time limited. These are the responsible bodies which are required to distribute their HPCF allocation to institutions for which they are responsible. For Academies who are members of larger multi-academy trusts, it will be the MAT who makes the decision how to prioritise funding. For Voluntary aided schools, the LA will discuss and agree with the respective Diocesan boards which projects to take forward; a similar process to the LCVAP programme. For Community, Foundation and Voluntary Schools, it is the Local Authority who acts as the responsible body for which this report concerns.
- 1.3 We have the flexibility to distribute funding based on local priorities and need however the funding must be used to improve children's and young people's physical and mental health. We wish to consult the Schools Forum in how best the LA could allocate funding to projects which will benefit the highest possible number of pupils and young people in our borough. Barking and Dagenham has been allocated £369,673 as a one off capital funding which is not time limited.
- 1.4 The DfE have produced guidelines to example what they consider to be suitable projects for inclusion. On a small scale these include: installation of water fountains, playground markings to facilitate active play, cooking equipment, garden planters and equipment, fixed sports equipment such as wall mounted basketball boards.
- 1.5 Larger projects where HPCF could be used to part or fully fund a project include the refurbishment or building of:
- Changing rooms;
 - Sports halls and gyms;
 - Swimming pools;
 - Teaching and catering kitchens;
 - Dining spaces, to include seating and tables;
 - Spaces for mental health support.

And or the creation or renovation of:

- Garden spaces for growing produce;
- Playgrounds and active play spaces, such as resurfacing, climbing walls or multi-use sports panels;
- Sports pitches, hard courts and athletics tracks;
- Improvements to facilities, such as floodlighting, security fencing, pitch drainage.

Modification of facilities to improve accessibility for pupils with disabilities, such as:

- Hoists to allow access to swimming pools;
- Adaptations to cooking facilities;
- Adaptations to changing room facilities;
- Wheelchair-accessible paths and planters in garden spaces;
- Sports wheelchairs;
- Hydrotherapy pools.

Provision of equipment, such as:

- Permanent goalposts ;
- Outdoor table tennis tables;
- Defibrillators2;
- Gym equipment;
- Cookers, fridges and freezers;
- Bike stands.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Since the HPCF was announced we have received a number of suggestions and ideas from both schools and senior colleagues in how the fund could be allocated. This has been taken into consideration which has formulated the suggestions below where we are seeking a view from the Schools Forum.

3. Trewern Outdoor Centre Hay on Wye

- 3.1 The Outdoor centre has an external 1960's building which is adjacent to the main residential building. The building is of timber construction, similar to a demountable but is now in very poor condition. Its main purpose is for teaching and auxiliary spaces, the proposal would be to replace this with a new teaching room but to rationalise the footprint of the existing layout to provide much needed additional dining, and a small kitchen facility. Estimated cost would be in the region of £165,000. Trewern itself receives 1800 pupils each year from 30 Schools in Barking and Dagenham.

4. Schools Based Projects

- 4.1 It is proposed that £165,000 is offered to schools through a simple bidding process whereby they can put forward proposals to fund small capital works or projects. These could span any of the examples given above and could be a contribution towards a larger scheme. We are keen to promote the daily mile in primary schools which through line markings and equipment can be undertaken at a relatively low cost across schools and would maximise the potential of the number of pupils who could participate. It is proposed to limit a single bid to £10k but would accept more than one bid from a school. It is suggested that the invitation to bid could be open for a period of 8 weeks after which the bids would be reviewed and projects selected.

5. Contingency Funding

- 5.1 It is proposed that the balance of funding £39,673 could be set aside to allow for any unforeseen costs which may emerge once the projects are on site. Towards the end of the programme, this funding can be reviewed and set against projects which were not able to be funded from the initial outset and were placed on a reserved list.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 All related costs, incidental or otherwise will be met from within the service area. The expenditure will be monitored as part of the regular budget monitoring arrangements. Permission to be sought from Head of Service to cover any overspends, if uncontrollable.

7. Legal Implications N/A

11. Other Implications

- a. **Risk Management - None**
- b. **Contractual Issues - None**
- c. **Staffing Issues – None**
- d. **Customer Impact – None**
- e. **Safeguarding Children- None**
- f. **Health Issues - None**
- g. **Crime and Disorder Issues – None**
- h. **Property / Asset Issues – None**

Background papers used in the preparation of the report:

None.

List of appendices:

None