

Report of the Director of Children & Families

Report to Executive Board

Date: 17th October 2018

Subject: Healthy Pupil Capital Programme (HPCP) 2018-19



Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Leeds City Council has been allocated £635,210 of capital grant funding for 2018-19 only, for its community Local Authority schools. This funding has been generated from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy, and is to help pupils benefit from healthier, more active lifestyles.
2. In addition, the Authority's voluntary aided schools will be provided with capital grant funding of £129,850 for its 41 VA schools.
3. The Local Authority grant is for distribution across 160 non-VA schools and 5 SILC settings. The terms of the grant funding suggest that schools can pool funding or take advantage of match-funding opportunities where appropriate, but schools are responsible for providing assurances on how their allocation has been spent. The VA schools grant will be spent in consultation with the local dioceses.

Recommendations

The Executive Board is required to:

- a. Approve the proposal to agree a model for allocation of the capital grant programme for community schools in Leeds in accordance with DfE requirements around the Healthy Pupil Capital Programme.
- b. Give approval to incur capital expenditure of £635,210 from the approved capital programme.

- c. To note that the officer responsible for implementation is Head of Learning for Life by March 2019.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to identify an implementation plan for the capital grant programme for community and voluntary aided schools in Leeds in accordance with DfE requirements around the Healthy Pupil Capital Programme.

2 Background information

- 2.1** This capital funding scheme has been provided from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy for 2018-19 only. Schools have been allocated £415 million nationally to help pupils benefit from healthier, more active lifestyles. 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.
- 2.2** Direct allocations for HPCF has been made to bodies responsible for individual institutions, for example academies, Multi-academy Trusts and local authorities. Single and small academy trusts and sixth-form colleges have had the opportunity to bid for HPCF through the Condition Improvement Fund in 2018-19. The bidding round ran from 19 October to 14 December 2017.
- 2.3** Voluntary Aided (VA) schools are notionally assigned to their local authority which is responsible to coordinate the administration of their group funding allocation through the Locally Coordinated Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP) and will be spent in consultation with the local dioceses. For Leeds £129,850 is allocated to 41 VA schools (39 primary and 2 secondary).
- 2.4** Local authorities are responsible and receive funding for community, foundation and voluntary controlled schools. Leeds City Council has been allocated £635,210 of capital grant funding for 2018-19 only. The terms of the grant funding suggest that schools can pool funding or take advantage of match-funding opportunities where appropriate, but schools are responsible for providing assurances on how their allocation has been spent. The grant is to be for those activities, or similar, listed in 3.3 and is not time bound.
- 2.5** Leeds can flexibly distribute funding based on local priorities and need, but the funding must be passed to schools to be used as capital spend 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. The local authority are required to consider any staffing and future maintenance costs of facilities and the number and characteristics of pupils who would benefit from the investment. Also guidance suggests that the following questions are considered:
- What are your local priorities and needs for pupil health and wellbeing?
 - What existing facilities are there?
 - How will the HPCF be used to complement existing or new funding opportunities?
 - How will the investment be sustainable?

3 Main issues

3.1 City priorities for health and wellbeing in Leeds are identified in The Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Children and Young People Plan. The key priority being to reduce health inequalities across the city. For our children and young people this is identified as enjoying healthy lifestyles, having fun growing up and being active citizens with voice and influence. Indicators for achieving this include increased consumption of fruit and vegetables, reduced consumption of sugary drinks and increased levels of physical activity.

3.2 Although this is a small capital granting process potentially accessible to a large number of schools, the capacity and impact to promote Leeds city health and wellbeing priorities is high.

3.3 Possible Funding Categories identified to support Leeds Health and Wellbeing Plan:

Creation or renovation of e.g. : Garden spaces for growing produce, improvements to facilities, such as floodlighting, security fencing, pitch drainage

Provision of equipment, such as: Permanent goalposts (£500), Defibrillators (£1,200).

Examples of smaller scale expenditure are included below, these may be of particular relevance to recipients of smaller grant amounts.

- Water fountains (£400 to £500 plus ongoing maintenance costs)
- Playground markings to facilitate active play
- Cooking equipment such as table-top hobs and food processors (£1000)
- Gardening planters and equipment (£1000 to £2,500)
- Fixed sports equipment, such as wall-mounted basketball boards (£1,500)

Projects not consistent with the intended use of the HPCF:

- Operational costs, including hiring or leasing of facilities
- Viewing stands
- Car parks, roads or landscaping
- Bars, sleeping accommodation, offices or other parts of a project that have little or no health and wellbeing content
- Projects (or elements of projects) where work has already been completed.
- The repayment of loans
- The purchase of land or buildings

3.4 Pooling and match-funding

HPCF will be paid directly to the local authority for community, foundation and voluntary controlled schools. Schools bids will be encouraged and if they use match-funding opportunities or pooling of budgets across schools, clusters or other funding streams.

3.5 Accountability and reporting

HPCF will be paid under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 - it is ring-fenced and not time-bound, it is for capital expenditure only. The local authority will be

required to report on how they have spent their HPCF in the same way they report on, and alongside, their School Condition Allocation.

Options for allocation

3.6 A number of views have been sought from colleagues in Public Health; school head teachers; Active Leeds colleagues; Health and Wellbeing Service; Active Schools Service; Finance; Elected members. Communication with other local authorities has identified a range of approaches from:

- One large capital project;
- School kitchen projects;
- A limited grant allocation process with a level of school match funding;
- Targeting to areas of deprivation and low take up of UFSM offer;
- Per pupil allocation.

3.7 **In consideration of our local priorities the following two strand approach is recommended:**

- A universal offer for all 160 eligible schools plus the 5 SILC settings. This ensures some benefit for every child to have an active and healthy lifestyle. It is easily administrated across the eligible 160 primary, secondary schools and the 5 SILCs. An allocation of £1000 for 146 primary and £2000 for 14 secondary schools and £2000 for each SILC equates to £184k;
- A granting process to allocate £306k through bids up to £20k, open to the 32 schools identified in the health inequality index as Band 1 and Band 1 * schools (this is used and recognised by school city wide through the Health and Wellbeing Service offer). See Appendix A.

Bids will be invited around the following:

3.8 **Creation or renovation of:**

- Spaces for mental health support
- Garden spaces for growing produce
- Playgrounds and active play spaces, such as resurfacing, climbing walls or multi-use sports panels

3.9 **Provision of equipment, such as:**

- Permanent goalposts
- Outdoor table tennis tables
- Gym equipment
- Bike stands
- Water fountains
- Playground markings to facilitate active play
- Cooking equipment including table-top hobs and food processors
- Gardening planters and equipment
- Fixed sports equipment, such as wall-mounted basketball boards
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4.0 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

A range of views have been sought from Public Health; school head teachers; Active Leeds; Health and Wellbeing Service; Finance; Elected Members. Also communication with other local authorities has identified a diverse range of approaches from one large capital project, to a universal, per pupil allocation.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

An impact assessment screening has been undertaken and is attached.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

This capital grant programme has the ability to have an impact on every child in the city, with a targeted approach on health inequalities. This meets the Best City Plan priorities of improving the health of the poorest, fastest and supporting healthy physically active lifestyles.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Leeds in terms of supporting measures to reduce childhood obesity and the promotion of mental health and emotional wellbeing. It is also supportive of the Childrens and Young Peoples Plan priorities of children and young people benefitting from healthy lifestyles, that they have fun growing up and who are active citizens who have a voice and influence.

4.4 Resources and value for money

Allocations for HPCF are published on gov.uk alongside the School Condition Allocation (SCA) allocations and is paid under the Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, and is for capital expenditure only. The value of the capital grant being provided to Leeds in 2018/19 is £635,210, and is not time bound. The local authority is required to report on how we have spent the HPCF alongside the reporting of the SCA.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4.6 Risk Management

Budget management and allocation is to be managed within the Health and Wellbeing Service, reporting into the Good Learning Places Board and Children & Families Asset Management Board where required.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Leeds has been allocated £635,210k capital funding scheme from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy for 2018-19 only. This is to help pupils benefit from healthier, more active lifestyles.

- 5.2** Voluntary aided schools are notionally assigned to their local authority. For Leeds £129,850 is allocated to 41 VA schools.
- 5.3** The grant is for the local authority to distribute across 160 non-VA schools and 5 SILC settings. The terms of the grant funding suggest that schools can pool funding or take advantage of match-funding opportunities where appropriate, but schools are responsible for providing assurances on how their allocation has been spent.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Executive Board is requested to:

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- b) Give approval to incur capital expenditure of £635,210 from the approved capital programme.
- c) To note that the officer responsible for implementation is Head of Learning for Life by March 2019.

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.