

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET - 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2010

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT – CYP CAPITAL PROGRAMME

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests Cabinet's approval to bring forward £50,000 from the 2011-12 indicative Capital Programme to fund a further Family Support Scheme in the current financial year.

1.0 Background

1.1 Family Support Capital Schemes

The CYP Capital Programme includes a provision of £100,000 p.a. to fund schemes that help maintain long term placements of Looked After Children in sustainable family settings. This investment has a number of advantages, it helps to promote permanence, removes accommodation barriers and may help to prevent placements breaking down, requiring other solutions and additional investment.

The schemes considered have exceptional circumstances and are frequently the recommendations from court proceedings. Most require extensions to properties to provide additional space within the home. Three cases have been approved in the current year at a cost of £94,000. By bringing forward £50,000 from next years Capital Programme this will allow the approval of a further scheme.

2.0 Risk Assessment

There are none arising directly from this report.

3.0 Financial Implications

The change requested will increase the CYP Capital Programme by £50,000 in 2010-11 and will reduce the provision in later years.

4.0 Staffing Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 Equal Opportunities Implications/Health Impact Assessment

There are none arising directly from this report.

6.0 Community Safety Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 Local Agenda 21 Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 Planning Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

9.0 Anti-poverty Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

10.0 Social Inclusion Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

11.0 Local Member Support Implications

There are none arising directly from this report.

12.0 Background Papers

There are none arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members agree to increase the 2010-11 Capital Programme by £50,000.

Howard Cooper
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