

- Legal Jane Pollard / Richard Freeth – “fine”
- Finance Virginia Rennie, County Treasurer’s – “fine”
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

The Cabinet – 26th May 2005

Education Capital Issues – Seed Challenge Funding

Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendation:

That bids received for Seed Challenge support (listed in Appendix B) be approved and that the remainder of the budget be retained for other bids received during the financial year.

Seed Challenge

1. At the Cabinet meeting held on 24th February, Members agreed that £250,000 from the 2005/06 capital allocation should be used to establish a Seed Challenge fund to match third-party contributions towards capital schemes. Members asked the Capital Strategy Group to draw up guidelines (attached at **Appendix A**) and schools were invited to apply.
2. By the closing date a total of 22 bids had been received for a total of £143,662. A list of bids is attached at **Appendix B**. Since the cost of bids is within the budget available and all meet the criteria it is recommended that the listed projects be supported.

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12th May 2005

Criteria devised by the Capital Strategy Group for the implementation of Seed Challenge

Seed Challenge Funding

The DfES funded Seed Challenge Funding came to an end in 2004/05. On the recommendation of the Capital Strategy Group, the Cabinet of Warwickshire County Council have approved the allocation of £250,000 from LEA capital funds to enable a similar scheme to operate in 2005/06.

Each school will be allowed to submit a single, suitable capital project for consideration from this budget up to a maximum allocation of £20,000. The following conditions will apply to all projects:

- The school must contribute at least 50% (primary) or 67% (secondary) of the project cost.
- At least 75% of the school contribution must be 'new' money, i.e. not from the school budget, devolved capital or other allocations from the public purse.
- New money includes: Private sector sponsorship; Profits on lettings or other school activities (but not interest earned on savings); General fundraising including donations from parents' groups; Sale of land; Charitable or similar donations; National Lottery, etc; Contributions in kind (not including time spent by parents and others unless a specialist skill or service is provided which will result in savings to the total cost of the project).

All schools intending to apply for Seed Challenge Funding will be expected to submit projects which relate to the need to raise academic standards or address serious health and safety issues. Each project must appear in the school improvement plan. Schools will be expected to spend their allocation on the approved project no later than 31st August 2006.

In the past, schools have been able to achieve the following types of project through the accessibility of Seed Challenge:

Primary and Nursery Schools:

Convert redundant kitchen into music, dance, sensory and small group room.

KS2 practical area.

Extend playground.

Library refurbishment.

Outside classroom area for Foundation.
Develop conservation area.
Develop admin office.
Contribution to major extension.
New IT suite, outside play area and refurbish library.
Create small group room.
Create storage area.
Provision of changing rooms.
3D sculpture with moving parts and water feature.
Re-build sports store and create garden area.
Cover courtyard area to provide library.
Utilise former school house.
Stage lighting system.

Secondary Schools:

Re-model and extend technology workshop.
Re-furbish food technology area.
Sixth form accommodation.
Contribution to major project to build eight classrooms, storage and office accommodation.

Schools interested in accessing this fund are required to submit the following details:

- A short description of the project.
- How the project will raise standards or address an urgent health and safety issue.
- The total cost of the project.
- The amount of Seed Challenge Funding required.
- Source(s) of matched funding.
- Confirmation that the project is included in the school's Improvement Plan.
- Any issues in the school's Asset Management Plan that the project will address.

The Allocation of 2005/06 Seed Challenge Funding

| Date Recd | Name of School | Project | Project Estimate | Funding | | | | | | | | | Seed Challenge2005/6 | |
|-----------|--|--|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | | PTA | Insurance Claim | School's Charitable Trust | School Contribution | Devolved Formula Capital | School Income from Sales & Lettings | Fund Raising | Donations | In Kind | Bid | Allocation |
| | | | £ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30-Mar | Welford-on-Avon Primary | Increase the area of hard-standing playground | 20,000 | 10,000 | | | | | | | | Design and other expertise | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 06-Apr | Barford St Peter's C of E (VA) Primary | To create a new playground | 25,000 | 2,300 | | 5,000 | | 10,000 | | | | | 7,300 | 7,300 |
| 13-Apr | Wellesbourne C of E Primary | Refurbishment of two toilet blocks | 5,200 | | | | | | | 2,600 | | | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| 14-Apr | Kenilworth Nursery & Family Partnership Centre | To create a safe, secure, stimulating outdoor environment | 40,608 | | | | | | | 15,920 | 3,728 | Landscaping and gardening | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 14-Apr | St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Nuneaton | Replace main corridor floor tiling | 4,765 | | | | | | | 2,350 | | | 2,350 | 2,350 |
| 14-Apr | Kenilworth School and Sports College | To extend the Admin Office | 9,995 | | | | | | 6,696 | | | | 3,299 | 3,299 |
| 18-Apr | Studley Community Infant | Develop a safe Foundation Stage outdoor learning area | 20,000 | | | | | | 10,000 | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 18-Apr | St Peter's Catholic Primary, Leamington | Provide fencing and playground markings for team games | 5,000 | 2,500 | | | | | | | | | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 18-Apr | St James' C of E (VA) Primary, Southam | Replace old play equipment to continue to improve the outdoor environment | 10,000 | 5,000 | | | | | | | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 18-Apr | Bournebrook C of E (VC) Primary | To create a meeting room and a Foundation Stage outdoor classroom | 4,500 | | | | | | | 2,250 | | | 2,250 | 2,250 |
| 19-Apr | All Saints' C of E (VA) Primary | Develop the school grounds for areas of activity, reflection and relaxation | 25,500 | 8,000 | | | | | 3,000 | | 1,450 | | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 19-Apr | Alcester Grammar | Provide fitness equipment and re-tarmac existing driveway | 33,730 | 16,450 | | | 5,650 | | | | 500 | | 11,130 | 11,130 |
| 21-Apr | Harris School, Rugby | To provide a site security fence | 30,600 | | 20,500 | | | | | | | | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| 22-Apr | Lighthorne Heath Primary | To provide a site security fence | 35,000 | | | | | 8,000 | | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 22-Apr | Henry Hinde Infant, Rugby | Adapt sinks and wet areas in two classrooms and install IT projector in hall | 5,000 | 2,000 | | | | 500 | | | | | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 22-Apr | Clinton Primary, Kenilworth | Refurbish Y5 & Y6 classrooms; Y3 & Y4 toilets & Community Room (TC) | 37,300 | 9,000 | | | | 23,800 | | | 4,500 | | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| 25-Apr | St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Whitnash | To provide outdoor play equipment for Foundation Stage | 5,200 | 2,600 | | | | | | | | | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| 25-Apr | Bishop Wulstan Catholic School, Rugby | Secure catches, locks and restriction stays to 25 Georgian windows | 6,055 | | | | 1014 | | 3,042 | | | | 1,999 | 1,999 |
| 25-Apr | Canon Evans C of E Infant, Bedworth | Provide 2 Timberline Picnic Houses for the outdoor environment | 8,000 | 1,000 | | 3,000 | | | | | | | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 25-Apr | Bridge Town Primary, Stratford | Provide a light and sound system for the school hall | 8,068 | | | | 4,034 | | | | | | 4,034 | 4,034 |
| 25-Apr | Salford Priors C of E Primary | Extend existing playground to the front of the school building | 7,000 | 3,500 | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| 25-Apr | St John's Primary and Nursery, Kenilworth | Develop the outdoor environment | 6,000 | 3,000 | | | | | | | | | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| | TOTAL | | 352,521 | 65,350 | 20,500 | 8,000 | 10,698 | 42,300 | 22,738 | 23,120 | 20,178 | 0 | 143,662 | 143,662 |