

## Appendix 2 (i) – Oldfield Park Junior School Playing Field – CPO

### Detailed Information on Capital Projects for Approval

<b>Portfolio &amp; Lead Cabinet Member:</b>	Early Years, Children's & Youth Cllr Nathan Hartley
<b>Department/Service Area:</b>	Children's Services
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#### Project Description:

Acquisition of 7 small holdings in private ownership at the back of Oldfield Park Junior School in Bath. This has required a CPO process. Clearance including demolition of existing garden/shed structures; top soiling, turfing and fencing of area for team games sports; soft landscaping including tree planting and some hard landscaping to provide secure access from the school site.

#### Financial Summary:

	Total £000's	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Project Value	650	650				
Funded by:						
Government Grant	390	390				
Capital Receipts	190	190				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Contributions	70	70				
Council Net Revenue Cost / (Saving) pa	0					

#### Current Status in the Capital Programme (agreed in February Budget Report):

This project is NOT currently included in the Capital Programme.

#### Explanation of Capital Funding:

Government Grant – £390k of Modernisation Grant will be utilised. This grant was received between 2008 & 2011 and remains unspent. Ashley Ayre has confirmed that this is a priority for use of this grant.

Capital Receipts – £190k of the receipt from the sale of Hayesfield playing field will be utilised. This is the remaining balance of the Hayesfield receipt.

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contributions – £70k will be contributed by the school from their Devolved Formula Capital allocation.

#### Revenue Implications:

There are no revenue implications resulting from this project. Any additional costs incurred will be funded by the school from their formula allocation.

#### Objectives, Impacts & Justification of Project:

Provide an on site team games playing field for an urban school presently without any grassed play area on site. It will allow the school to meet requirements of the

National Curriculum of at least 2 hours per week physical education for each pupil; contributes to outcomes in National Healthy Schools Standard Guidance as well as Every Child Matters priority of Promoting Children’s Health and Well-being. Without this provision the school will remain as the largest school in the LA without an on site playing field or any soft/grassed area for play or social purposes.

**Council Priorities:**

It meets CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES - Improving the environment for learning; CPA KEY LINES OF ENQUIRY - Creating and developing a better quality of life for the area through Safer and Stronger Communities, Healthier Communities, and Improving engagement with and a range of services for Older People and Children and Young People; and COMMUNITY STRATEGY OUTCOMES - Building communities where people feel safe and secure; Improving local opportunities for learning and gaining skills, and Improving our local environment.

**Other Options Considered:**

Options Considered	Reason for choosing preferred option
None - Only other land near the school are allotments which not only are protected but are insufficient size and layout.	The land is designated educational reserve and adjoins the school. It is readily accessible and sufficient size to meet statutory legislation and to permit full curricular and social use.

**Key Risks & Mitigating Actions:**

Key Risks to Project	Mitigating Actions
Delays in legal processes (conveyance, searches, etc)	Use of same 2 surveyors and solicitor by all owners and to agree deadline as condition of compensation package.
Delay in site clearance owing to wildlife presence	Pre-emptive clearance of targeted ground vegetation, specialist surveys.
Delays in site clearance owing to asbestos and clearance of potentially hazardous materials	Specialist surveys and early removal as permitted by 1 above.

**Equalities Impacts & Considerations:**

There is a neutral impact. Provision of the playing field will however benefit directly all children attending the school as well as being available for use by community groups for sport and leisure.

**Other Information & Impacts:**

There will be a reduction in the use of transport required to take pupils to playing fields off site.

Although the land was an educational reserve the owners of the small holdings successfully appealed that the land had potential residential value and this was supported at appeal by a planning inspector thus increasing the value and therefore the cost to purchase it.