

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board Sub Committee  
**DATE:** 2 November 2006  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Environment  
**SUBJECT:** WREN – Landfill Tax Funding Third Party Payments

**WARDS:**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To propose a variation of the capital programme to enable draw down of landfill tax credit grant funding of £310,764 this financial year.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Capital Programme be varied by the inclusion of an allocation for Third Party Funding – Landfill Tax Credit Funding in the sum of £34,200 for 2006-2007**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental) is the Environmental Body that distributes landfill tax credit funding on behalf of the Waste Recycling Group. The funding is distributed by WREN on an area basis and Halton is included with Warrington and benefits from the landfill tax credits attributed to waste disposal at Arpley Waste Disposal Site.

3.2 Officers from WREN approached the Council in April and invited bids this year in excess of their usual maximum grant of £40,000 per scheme as they did not wish to carry forward a large unallocated surplus of potential funding in to next financial year.

3.3 Six bids were submitted to support and extend existing environmental improvement projects as any grant funding would need to be spent in 2006/2007 financial year. Five were successful, totalling £310,764

3.4 In order to access the grant for each project an 11% contribution from a third party is required to off-set attributable costs for WREN. Local authorities are allowed to provide the third party funding for their own projects. Therefore £34,184.04 of third party funding is required to secure the grant funding. The capital programme currently does not have an allocation for this purpose. It is proposed that the current capital programme be varied for this purpose.

3.5 The project in receipt of grant funding are listed below;

.1 Climbing boulder at Victoria Park	£20,000
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.2	Russell Road kickabout and fencing	£62,500
.3	Wigg Island Tower Hide	£80,000
.4	Six Acre Lane Playground, Moore	£75,590
.5	Halebank Recreation Ground and Playground	£72,674

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no other implications

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 If the third party funding is not provided then the grant aid offered cannot be secured and the projects will either not happen or be substantially scaled down.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 A requirement of WREN funding is that completed projects are freely accessible to all sectors of the community.

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Central File LS13	Picow Farm Depot	Ian Lifford