



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Committee**2. Date: **24 Mar 2011**3. Summary of application: **Enhancement of Outside Garden Area**Name of organisation: **Offley Pre-School Group**Sum requested: **£2,100**Total project cost: **£7,038**

Brief details:

The group wishes to create a garden that is usable all year round and contribute to a healthy lifestyle for local children. Outdoor play and learning is important in the early years development of children, so the group want to install some substantial tables and seating to take their inside learning programmes outside.

They plan to have some artificial grass laid to create an all weather garden, a track put around the outside for the ride on toys to go around, plus the inclusion of a playhouse, sandpit and veggie boxes to create an interesting and fun environment for the local children attending the Pre-school to enjoy.

Matched / linked funding: **£5,000**Funder: **Local fund-raising.**Discretionary rate relief: **£0**

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

Over the last few winters the garden at Offley Pre-School has become practically unusable due to it being too muddy and waterlogged. The area suffers from poor drainage and the grass gets trodden in extremely easily. There is very little space for the children to ride bikes, play freely and take part in sports. It has been noted by many parents that the group should endeavour to improve a fundamental part of the pre-school.

The pre-school is open two full days and three mornings. From the end of April it will be open an additional afternoon to deal with the demand for places and flexible funding.

The pre-school is run by a dedicated team plus a handful of mums from the local community, who work tirelessly fundraising to help improve the pre-school.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

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Date:

5. For officer use:

Amount awarded from Area Budget:

£0

Amount awarded from Dev't Budget

£0

Signed off by Head of Service

Signed:

Date:

