

## **DfES/AMP Focus Group**

### **Notes of the meeting held on 18 February 2005**

1. A meeting was called between the DfES Schools Capital and Buildings Division and the AMP Focus Group to discuss how future communications between the DfES, PfS and Local Authorities could be managed and improved.
2. Background – Mukund introduced the background to the meeting:
  - 1997/98 – DfES reduced the Territorial Support at the same time that ebdog was growing;
  - 1998/99 – introduction of AMP Focus Group ran by Pillar to host biannual regional conferences/seminars to keep the communication flow with LAs with particular reference to AMPs;
3. DfES Departmental Review – Mukund set out some of the reasons to rethink the lines of communications:
  - It is recognised that AMPs are now well embedded in LAs capital planning;
  - BSF is the new player on the block;
  - Departmental review will lead to a reduction in staff
  - PfS has been established
4. Future communications between DfES, PfS and LAs and the role of the AMP Focus Group and the network conferences and seminars -