



EBD OG Standing Group
2nd November 2005
Blackpool

Present: Shirley Turner (Chair), Andrew George, Clare Medland, Keith Armstead, Geoff Black, Greg Durkin, Bob Dutton, Graham Olway, Norrie Porter, Tony Blackman, Mark Dolling, Chris Borderick, Gareth Simmons, Chris Gilbert, Penny Pennington (Secretary), Janice Beck, Digby Molden, Tony Palmer

In attendance: Clare Collins, Robert Brophy

Apologies: Doug Elliot, Ged Mitchell, Ray Baker

		ACTION
1.	<p>In attendance for Item 1: from Doble Monk Butler Ltd (DMB) – Paul Andrew, Chris Godby, Ben Walker, Simon White.</p> <p>DMB made a presentation on a potential bulletin/journal working title “Asset Manager in Education”. The bulletin/publication would be for education officers with control of articles approved by EBD OG. Content on property management; 3 issues p.a. plus supplements and year book/diary. Client focus rather than industry driven. All EBD OG members to receive a copy free of charge. Some advertising up to 40% (to include sponsored articles).</p> <p>The group agreed to proceed on the basis of full editorial control. Tony Palmer to act as the liaison person for the first issue. Members of the group to email topics of interest and title suggestions to Tony.</p>	Tony Palmer All
2.	<p>Notes of meeting held on 22 September 2005</p> <p>These were accepted. No matters arising.</p>	
3.	<p>VA Working Group/Transitional Group</p> <p>Report back from meeting on 6th October from KA. Consultation on document likely from end of November until January. Scrutiny of VA projects still under review.</p>	
4.	<p>Children’s Services</p> <p>Regional Government Officers monitoring progress on Children’s Centres. Significant scrutiny on proposals and designs by Government advisors e.g. WS Atkins and NPS.</p>	

Query re: different levels of scrutiny across the variously funded projects.

5. Relationships between ebdog / DfES / Network Group

MD reported from meeting on this with Pillar and DfES. Model previously circulated was considered.

Draft constitution of ebdog Standing Group included in Conference pack together with feedback form for delegates to express views.

DfES commitment to conferences, particularly when they clash, raised.

6. TCF

- Separate discussion to be held re: LAs which received funding for Secondary Schools through TCF.
- Detailed feedback being sent out by DfES. Concern re: the level and quality of feedback.
- Concern re: allocations being made through borrowing rather than grant.

7. White Paper Implications

Planning places and Capital Programme Implications explored by the group. Query to be raised in conference panel session.

8. Conferences

- Blackpool colleagues welcomed the group and outlined the programme for the conference. The Group thanked Blackpool and Janice Beck for all their efforts.
- Staffordshire explained how far they have developed the planning for the May 06 conference.
- November 2006 – Milton Keynes
- May 2007 – Northamptonshire
- November 2007 – Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Groups in York
- May 2008 and November 2008 to be opened for volunteers in Shirley's address to conference.

9. Future Meetings

23 March 2006 @ 11.00am – Leicestershire

May 2006 – Staffordshire

28 September 2006 @ 11.00am – Leicestershire

November 2006 – Milton Keynes

10. Cover for meetings

Shirley will not be available for about 10 weeks. Cover was agreed as follows:

- Feedback forms analysis – Chris Borderick and Mark Dolling.
- RIBA Schools Client Forum – moved to January 2006 and existing representatives to cover.
- Schools Capital Strategy Group 28th November – Andrew George.
- AMP Focus Group 7th December – existing representatives to cover.