

EDUCATION PLANNING & PREMISES SERVICE

MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE STANDING GROUP HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2003 AT MANCHESTER

Present:	Keith Armstead, Tony Blackman, Chris Borderick, Greg Durkin, Bob Dutton, Doug Elliott, Chris Gilbert, Jo Humphreys, Clare Medland, Ged Mitchell, Penny Pennington (Secretary), John Proctor, Shirley Turner (Chair), Tony Palmer, Ray Baker,
Apologies:	Peter Foale
Circulation:	All above plus Clare Townend, Geoff Black

	ACTION
<p>1. Notes of the meeting held on 22 September 2003</p> <p>1.1. Shirley has written to Jeff Fletcher and Tim Wear to thank them for their contribution to EBD OG.</p> <p>1.2. The DfES response to the Audit Commission's "Improving School Buildings" has been emailed to the Standing Group and posted on the EBD OG website.</p> <p>1.3. Examples of any SLAs with in-house Property Services Teams will be warmly received by Jo Humphries.</p> <p>2. Schools Capital Strategy Consultative Group</p> <p>ST had attended the meeting on 7 November and reported on the main issues discussed as follows:</p> <p>2.1. <u>BSF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 bids received for Wave 1 (2005/6) and 11 bids received for Pathfinder status. • DfES does not see the risk of falling rolls transferring to the Private Sector. • DfES is modelling the impact of affordability gaps and talking to Treasury on the effects in order to build into the Comprehensive Spending Review. • Potential for PFI FM provider to also provide FM for non-PFI buildings. • Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) and LEA formulaic allocations may be abated eg if a secondary school has an approved BSF project it may have a reduced DFC allocation the year prior to the project as well as the 3 years after opening. 	ALL

<p>2.2. <u>Funded Programmes in 2004/5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Travel - £20M will be an addition to DFC for schools where travel plans have been appraised as satisfactory. [Reminder that each LEA's Statement of Priorities needs information on Travel Plans this year]. <p>A typical Primary might receive £5K and a typical Secondary might receive £12K for bike sheds, site improvements to facilitate the Travel Plan.</p> <p>[See "Travelling to School" on Teachernet website].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFC will gain new flexibility in 2004/5 – schools will be able to purchase ICT equipment. Expanding successful and popular schools – no individual schools have taken this up so DfES to strengthen guidance. All formula announcements to be made in December 03. AMP data – all appraisals now complete and appraisal results to be issued soon. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>3. Building Schools for the Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressions of interest required by 19 December. PP reported on experience of the BSF Pathfinders. BSF announcement on Pathfinders and Wave 1 to be in January 04. 	
<p>4. AMPs</p> <p>ST to clarify the request for an update of Net Capacities and whether there will be feedback from the first collection round.</p>	<p>ST</p>
<p>5. TCF</p> <p>Bidding deadline now passed. Announcements in January 04.</p>	
<p>6. Section 106</p> <p>The OPDM is consulting on changes to Section 106 namely on whether to allow developers to opt for a fixed tariff rather than negotiation and, the pooling of contributions.</p>	
<p>7. NOF</p> <p>Problems with liaison of the agencies involved in NOF raised again. Support to be sought of DfES in conference tomorrow.</p>	<p>ST</p>
<p>8. Future Conferences</p> <p>May '04 – Plymouth Nov '04 – Gloucestershire May '05 – West Sussex Nov '05 – South Gloucestershire</p>	

<p>CG has made contact with the Virtual Staff College who are interested in working with us to organise conferences. Also discussions with a hotel chain at early stages. CG to pursue.</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p>9. Manchester Conference</p> <p>Ged Mitchell reported on the planning for tomorrow's conference. Over 300 delegates makes it the largest yet. DfES to showcase the Exemplar Designs.</p>	
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Peter Foale of Nottinghamshire will be leaving his post with the LEA and setting up as a consultant.</p> <p>The group expressed their appreciation for his commitment and wished him well. ST to write.</p>	<p>ST</p>
<p>11. Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Standing Group meeting will be held on Thursday 18 March, 11am to 2pm in Leicestershire.</p>	<p>BD</p>