

Standing Group of Education Building Development Officers

Notes of the twentieth meeting held in LB of Barnet 17 September 2002

Chairman: Shirley Turner, Hampshire

Present: Keith Armstead, Janice Beck, Geoff Black, Tony Blackman, Chris Borderick, Bob Dutton, Doug Elliott, Chris Gilbert, Jo Humphreys, Clare Medland, Penny Pennington, John Proctor, Shirley Turner, Tim Wear.

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| 1 | Apologies Peter Foale, Greg Durkin, Jeff Fletcher Peter Foale emailed a query regarding PFI - responses directly to him. | All |
| 2 | Notes of nineteenth meeting – 10 May 2002 Agreed with the CEO of Hampshire's name corrected to <u>Seber</u> . | |
| 3 | Matters arising 3.1 <u>Capital Strategy Group</u> No meeting since May – concern re: lack of consultation on forthcoming capital guidelines. ST to take up with Ken Beeton | ST |
| | 3.2 <u>Suitability appraisals</u> After challenges by some LEAs on the appraisal process it had not been possible for the appraisers to produce any evidence of their decisions. A very unsatisfactory outcome. JP had raised with DfES but no response received. | |
| | 3.3 <u>Insurance</u> DfES have no emergency cover for VA schools. Surrey had to cover £300k fire damage through LCVAP. | |
| 4 | Basic Need Consultation Documents proposals discussed in detail. Paper assumes planning gain must be sought – group think this is dangerous because some consents were agreed before planning gain possible. More information on proposed safety valve required. ST agreed to co-ordinate response from group. | ST |

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| 5 | <p>ACG Bid 2003/04 – changes to timetable for forecast pupil numbers.</p> <p>Demand year is 2005/6 i.e. same as last year’s bid. ST to write regretting lack of clarity and transparency in documentation.</p> | ST |
| 6 | <p>AMP – Sufficiency Capacity Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot Authorities (information item) <p>LB of Bracknell consulted and agreed capacities with schools early on. DfES changed template and calculation method and so they had to be redone and re-consulted upon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share experiences <p>LB of Brent have nothing at all back from VOA yet. Some LEAs experiencing discrepancies between VOA and CAD methodologies. Evidence to JB.</p> <p>Confusion over deadline. Is it end of October or November?</p> <p>CAD plans – Herts and Surrey have interesting experiences in attempting to produce CAD plans and Net capacities simultaneously. Some LEAs experiencing delays in production of CAD plans.</p> | All to JB |
| 7 | <p>AMP – Site areas etc – any news from DfES</p> <p>No feedback on these received from DfES. Query to be taken to AMP Focus Group of which PP is a member. Notes of the meeting to be emailed to the EBDO Standing Group.</p> | PP |
| 8 | <p>BB82 Revisions</p> <p>ST was on the working group – draft including primary schools now on the website. General view is that it is useful and user-friendly.</p> <p>Likely final publication March 2003.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>NOF Sport and PE bids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from meeting at DfES on 9 September 2002 <p>JB, CB and JP met Chief Executive of NOF (Stephen Dunmore) and Mukund Patel.</p> <p>Points made regarding lack of recognition of AMPs and protracted and over detailed processes for bidding and for implementing. Case officers involvement in minute detail and the very high specifications of Sport England (variable between regions) also raised. Suggestions for streamlining the processes received sympathetic hearing. Mukund to be thanked for arranging.</p> | ST |

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| <p>10 Targeted Capital Fund & PFI</p> <p>A steer was given to JB on the consultation paper.</p> | JB |
| <p>11 VA Surveys – update</p> <p>Likely that the excepted buildings surveys will be concluded by April.</p> | |
| <p>12 Section 77 Disposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences/outcomes <p>69 applications including 23 from one LEA on a PFI scheme. 60 approved, 9 rejected. 4 resubmitted and approved.</p> <p>Important to ensure full consultation and evidence of support from Governors. Applications take 4 weeks to get to panel and LEA will be given only 1 week to reply to queries.</p> | |
| <p>13 November Conference in Birmingham (Including feedback from Leeds Conference)</p> <p>CG outlined the proposals for the workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M4I Rethinking Construct • Consultant choice • Sustainability • Local Paint Company – Joint research with Birmingham • Future development of AMP's • School Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPP1 project - Replacement of temporary classrooms through a partnering contract. - New Primary School • Business Meeting – request that Ken Beeton be invited to outline the policy agenda. | CG |
| <p>14 Date of next meeting</p> <p>4.00pm, 13th November 2002 at Birmingham.</p> | |