



<p>2.8 Thanks expressed to Ray Baker and team in Cheshire for the successful May conference.</p> <p>2.9 CG and ST to explore having conferences organised by third party who would sort venues, agendas and speeches.</p> <p><b>3) Building Schools for the Future</b></p> <p>PP reported on developments as a Pathfinder, including the potential make up of the LEP, affordability issues and development costs.</p> <p><b>4) AMP Developments</b></p> <p>Additional AMP appraisal guidance just received contained the following new points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schemes over £1M to be fed into curriculum process as a learning opportunity.</li> <li>▪ Contingency planning now expected in LEA capital programmes.</li> <li>▪ Excellence in construction achievement targets to be introduced such as 70% of projects to be on time and within budget etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>5) Secondary Schools</b></p> <p>CM requested advice on the locations of Secondary schools which have innovative designs and operate effectively. St Thomas Aquinas in Edinburgh and Blyth Community College, Northumberland were suggested having being praised by DfES.</p> <p><b>6) “Every Child Matters” Green Paper</b></p> <p>The group discussed the possible implications which may include the establishment of Children’s Services. JP outlined how this had affected his team’s work in Hertfordshire.</p> <p><b>7) NDS Modernisation</b></p> <p>A discussion was held on how LEAs are dealing with the fact that NDS modernisation funding reduces considerably in 2005/6 just as devolved capital increases. Some LEAs are considering devolving/delegating all R &amp; M for major repairs items and suggesting that schools pool their funding on a cluster basis to be used as a top up on the most urgent schemes.</p> <p><b>8) Expansion of Popular Schools</b></p> <p>Announcement in the summer of £500K for Secondary schools seeking to expand and requirement for LEAs to fund balance if proposal approved. Query re: where this funding is allocated from and the effects on other funding pots e.g. Primary Schools. ST to raise with DfES.</p>	<p>ST/CG</p> <p>ST</p>
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<p><b>9) SLAs</b></p> <p>JH requested examples of any SLAs with in-house property services.</p> <p><b>10) November 2003 Conference</b></p> <p>GM reported on the planning to date. 11 sponsors attending (and sponsoring). Exemplar designs to be launched. Likely to exceed 250 delegates. Travel by train or plane advised otherwise sharing of cars was suggested.</p> <p><b>11) Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>11.1 <i>Teaching Environments of the Future</i></b></p> <p>Manchester and Hertfordshire are amongst the successful bidders joining the network.</p> <p>11.2 JP attended a Conference in Scotland to advise on the English AMP process. Scotland just about to commence with “School Estate Plans”.</p> <p>11.3 If anyone has developed or is in the process of developing a 2fe primary school with community library, swimming pool and PCT facilities please get in touch with DE (doug.elliott@barnet.gov.uk)</p> <p>11.4 LSC capital funding for adult learning provision only allocated in August to Dorset with expectation of expenditure by end of March.</p> <p>Experience/liaison with LSC on capital issues reported as ‘patchy’.</p> <p>11.5 Kent has experienced a hike in VI form staying on rates this year which is putting severe pressure on some school accommodation.</p> <p><b>12) Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held at 4.00pm on Wednesday 12 November at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Manchester Airport.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
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