



EBD OG Standing Group

28th September 2006

Present: Shirley Turner, Clare Medland, Janice Beck, Tony Blackman, Chris Borderick, Greg Durkin, Andrew George, Chris Gilbert, Graham Olway, Norrie Porter, Geoff Newsome, Bob Dutton, Ged Mitchell, Ray Baker

In attendance:
Ian Cook

Apologies: Penny Pennington, Mark Dolling, Gareth Simmons, Keith Armstead, Digby Moulden, Tony Palmer

Thanks to Bob for Leicestershire hospitality

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1.	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2006 Farewell and best wishes to Geoff Black and Doug Elliott. Thanks to Andrew and team at Staffordshire. Thanks to Penny/Clare for minutes.	
2.	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of feedback evaluation from Staffordshire. EBD OG Conference – useful.• Acceptance that the draft constitution was adopted at the Conference.• Relationship between improved learning environments and attainment – individuals to consider and report back what is being assessed. Staffordshire has a graduate to look at this and Project Brief being developed.• Building Futures Journal timescales for future editions discussed.	
3.	SCSCG Met June/September 2006 – notes circulated <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting de-valued by absence of Philip Parker• Examples of good practice re Kitchen Design being requested by Shaw Warnock• Request that DfES be asked at next meeting to clarify policy on abatement of DFC in future.• School Premises Regs – review being considered	ALL/AG

<p>4. VA Working Group</p> <p>Met in June 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCVAP still funds 90% insurance but looking to move away from this → 100% insurance – mixed approach across LA's • Blue book has been updated • Design Conference – 9th October <p>Transition Group No meetings</p> <p>5. Children's Services Comms Group – 5th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference received • Feedback on School Building Network events • DfES looking to produce "family tree" • Discussion on future "topics" for EBD OG and/or Network events • Lack of certainty over DfES support for Building Network events a concern <p>6. Spring 2007 Building Network Events</p> <p>January 2007 (Thursdays) Locations – London (Westminster) - Manchester (School) - Exeter (new PFI school)</p> <p>Draft Programme presented – yet to be finalised, however, potential lack of DfES involvement could be a problem</p> <p>7. Primary Capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to consultation circulated. • Primary Capital Programme Manager now in post Peter Connell 02079 255251 Peter.Connell@dfes.gsi.gov.uk • Announcement of pilots expected later October. • Ability of regional capacity is a big issue • A "Community Library" programme expected to be announced through Big Lottery late October. <p>8. DFC – ICT Funding</p> <p>A small number of authorities have made the decision to allocate 30% of DFC for ICT in new build schools from Year 1. Schools Forum can make decision to vary 3 year abatement on this basis.</p> <p>9. BSF One School Pathfinders</p> <p>South West Regional Group and East West Sussex Group now set up.</p>	<p>IC</p>
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<p>10. BRE/SDC Schools Design Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum has been looking at the development and production of a road-map – should be supported by EBD OG • Consider as a presentation at May 2007 Conference <p>11. Executive Committee Representation</p> <p>CG circulated a paper for discussion, Need to try and ensure wide regional representation as possible. Propose that amended paper be issued at Conference with feedback sheet attached. Could use – Building Network Group to take this further – consider Standing Group support for this at next meeting (Agenda Item).</p>	ALL
<p>12. Prudential Borrowing</p> <p>Staffordshire exploring opportunities for developing prudential borrowing schemes – looking for other examples:- e.g. Special School re-organisations Children’s Homes in advance of capital receipts</p>	
<p>13. Project Management</p> <p>Investigating different methodologies other than PRINCE II – Discussion on what authorities are using – Request that any information on alternative methods be circulated to AG and Group.</p>	AG/ALL
<p>14. F&E to Africa</p> <p>GO to establish interest/support for moving surplus/out of date F & E to Africa. Contact GO direct. Suggest article in next EBD OG publication.</p>	GO/ALL
<p>15. Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Keynes – November 2006 – information issued and 50% of responses already received. Thanks to Technology Forge and Chris for sorting out on-line booking system. Details being finalised MD has organised a “brand” badge and strap line for the conference to be considered for future conferences. • Northamptonshire – May 2007 (17/18) Staverton Park Hotel, Nr Daventry. Working on programme. • Harrogate – 1st/2nd November 2007 Majestic Hotel, Harrogate. 	
<p>16. AOB</p> <p>Next RIBA Schools Client Forum Meeting October 2006</p>	

17. Dates of Future Meetings	
22 March 07	11-3 Leicestershire
16 May 07	4 pm Daventry
27 September	11-3 Leicestershire