

Capital Strategy Group

Thursday 12 November 2009

IAS Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Children's Services & Culture

Present: Cllr Eady (Chair) Cllr Marlow, Cllr King, Christine Brett, Jo Longhurst, Paul Bettles, Beverly Butler, Tammi Brown, Ron Percival, Judy Pearse

Apologies: Niki Crookdale, Claire Briggs

Minutes	Action
1 Introductions/Apologies	
. Apologies see above	
2 Declarations of interest	
<p>Cllr King declared an interest as a Governor of St Edmund's – regarding the discussion about the TCF Kitchen and Dining room bid.</p> <p>Christine Brett declared an interest as Headteacher of St Elizabeth's – regarding the discussion about the TCF Kitchen and Dining room bid.</p> <p>Ron Percival declared an interest as a Governor of East Sheen – regarding the discussion about the draft 2010/2011 Capital Programme.</p> <p>Judy Pearse declared an interest as Headteacher of The Vineyard – regarding the discussion about the draft 2010/2011 Capital Programme.</p>	
3 Minutes of previous meetings	
The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 July 2009 were agreed.	
4 Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Development Plans – unfortunately due to resources and other projects being undertaken by the Building Development Team the Development Plans have not been progressed at this time. • Kitchens – The Building Development Team submitted a TCF Bid to the DCSF. A number of criteria had to be met, one of which is that the schools must match fund. Various meetings were held with Officers in the Council and the School Condition Surveys were reviewed. BB circulated a project list and informed the group that Grey Court School is the only school awaiting confirmation of their funding. 	BB/CB
5 Draft Education Capital Programme 2010/2011	

	<p>BB circulated the Draft Education Capital Programme that was circulated electronically prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The programme is similar to last years with three main projects listed. Funding has been put towards Health and Safety and amounts have been allocated towards demountables and contingency. Some standby projects have also been listed, should funding become available.</p> <p>Matthew Paul (Deputy Head of Commissioning, Delivery and Service Improvement) recently circulated a paper to all Headteachers which detailed the Borough's future demand for school places. As a result of this paper, various feasibilities on school sites have been commissioned. Depending on the outcome of the feasibilities different schools will be pursued for taking another form of entry.</p> <p>There is currently no news regarding the DCSF injecting more money in to Authorities for School Places.</p> <p>Cllr Eady asked about the roof works at East Sheen. BB confirmed that only a portion of the works were completed in Summer 2009 and further remedial works were needed.</p> <p>CB asked if schools put their devolved formula capital towards the project.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that going forward the schools should be asked to consider using their DFC for these projects. JP – is this is the case this should happen from 2011/2012 as some schools may have spent their DFC already.</p> <p>BB informed the group that is has been consistently difficult in the past to get information from schools on their spend.</p> <p>The projects considered in the Capital Programme total more DFC than a school would receive in a year.</p> <p>The programme will be circulated in a Building Bulletin.</p> <p>NC sent some questions via email to TB. The first was about the modernisation funding – this money has already been allocated to Phase 1 of the Primary Expansion Project which is spread across three years.</p> <p>The second was about the money for the demountables – this hasn't been allocated yet and will depend on the outcomes of the feasibility.</p> <p>The Capital Strategy Group agreed the draft Programme.</p>	<p>BB/CB</p> <p>BB/CB</p>
6	Updates	

	<p>Primary strategy for change – Expansions. With regards to Holy Trinity a preferred contractor has been selected. A value engineering process was needed and the project is now back on budget. Hoping to be on site in January 2010.</p> <p>Currently working on designs for Chase Bridge and Stanley Infants and Juniors. Both hope to submit a planning application in April 2010.</p> <p>There is a delay with St Mary’s and St Peter’s because of an objection received from Sport England.</p> <p>A Governors decision is needed from St Stephen’s before progression is made with the project.</p> <p>CB asked what the content of the Sport England objection was. BB explained that the current design takes up 250sqm of the playing field. Sport England want to preserve as much play area as possible. Different options are now being considered as if the objection is held then the planning application will be called in by Ministers. The extra form of entry is needed by September 2010.</p> <p>Academies</p> <p>Currently the Building Development Team are working towards Outline Business Case (OBC) as well as an affordability statement which will be sent to the December 14th Cabinet Meeting. There is an Overview and Scrutiny Meeting before hand which considers the proposals for School closure.</p> <p>There is an extensive list of sections that need to be included in the OBC.</p> <p>CB queried whether the Academies route was a definite for the Borough. Cllr Eady confirmed that the process still needs to be taken to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>RP asked where the Borough was with Shene Academy. Cllr Eady informed that the Expression of Interest (EOI) would be considered at Cabinet. Academies Enterprise Trust (AET) has completed academies previously. Still planning for the Academy to open in 2010 with Building works to follow.</p> <p>Cllr Marlow asked about the necessity for BREEAM excellent rating and was told that it was now a requirement of the Council’s planning policies. The Building Development are still negotiating figures with Partnerships for Schools.</p> <p>Building schools for the future – progress at Teddington School is good. BB circulated pictures to the group.</p> <p>Richard Weeks (Headteacher) would like to share the experience the School have received once works are complete with Colleagues in the Borough.</p>	
7	Any other Business	
	None to report.	
8.	Date of next meeting To be agreed.	