

Capital Strategy Group

Monday 6 July 2009

Room 7, York House

Present: Cllr Eady (Chair) Cllr Marlow, Cllr King, Elaine England, Christine Brett, Jo Longhurst, Paul Bettles, Beverly Butler, Claire Briggs, Ron Percival, Niki Crookdake, John Russell (post meeting)

Apologies: N/A

Minutes

Action

1 Introductions/Apologies

See above. There were no apologies

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Marlow declared an interest as a Governor of Orleans Park – regarding the discussion about the earlier proposal of three classrooms for St. Stephen's to be placed on the Orleans Park site.

3 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2009 were agreed

4 Matters Arising

- Lead testing awaiting programme
- LCVAP meeting minutes have now been placed on the Education Extranet site so all schools and Governors can view this along with the annual programme.
- Acronym list circulated

5 School Development Plans

Unfortunately due to resources within the Building Development Team and the amount of primary expansion projects, bulge classes required for September and with other summer works it has not been possible to progress this work at this time. However, Elaine England provided a copy of Sheen Mount's plan using the pro-forma provided. The Building Development Team will follow up on this and give an update at the next meeting.

BB/CB

6 Updates

Primary strategy for change – Expansions.

Primary expansions – Orleans Infants, St Stephen's, Stanley Infant and Juniors and Chase Bridge. Interviews are about to take place for the Architectural Teams. The Quantity Surveyors and Construction Design Management Co-ordinator's interviews will take place the week commencing 20 July.

The procurement process is underway for the building surveying and structural engineers.

St Mary's and St. Peter's has been delayed following the appointment of a new Quantity Surveyor. However the planning application should now be submitted by the end of July.

Bulge classes

The following schools require bulge classes for September 2009:

Chase Bridge
Orleans Infants
St. Mary's
St Elizabeth's
Lowther
St Mary's and St Peter's
Holy Trinity
Darell (an additional 7 places)

Building schools for the future – progress at Teddington School is good. The Academies are moving forward in terms of construction related works such as preparation for surveys. The application has been made to PfS (Partnership for Schools) and the DCFS regarding drawing down funding. Internal briefings for officers have gone ahead. Invitation to tender to PfS for technical and design advice has been sent out. There will be a Cabinet report going to cabinet tonight.

Kitchen bid Update – The LA have just been advised that the bid that we submitted has been successful and we have been allocated £800,000 which is half of the funding requested. A working group is now looking back at bids to see who originally stated they could match fund (50%) The bids will also need to meet DCSF criteria and show that they are deliverable. This information is being pulled together currently. A proposal will be put to schools when this exercise has been completed. BB hopes to be able to report back on this at the next Capital Strategy Group.

The funding is available for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. Need to look at phasing and when works can be undertaken. It is probably too late for this summer holiday period.

Unfortunately there will be no retrospective funding available for schools that have already carried out kitchen improvement works in recent years.

7 Any other Business

DCSF Building survey – 16 schools have not returned their devolved formula capital summaries. The Building Development Team have to make their data submission to the DCSF on Friday 17 July.

Elaine England advised that this will be her last meeting – Judy Pearse, Headteacher of The Vineyard Primary has been appointed the replacement primary headteacher representative as from the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2009, 5pm, Terrace Room, York House.

