

Capital Strategy Group

Wednesday 7 September 2005, 5pm

Room 7, York House

Present: Cllr Samuel (Chairman), Cllr Taylor, Ms C Brett, Ms H Flint, Mr J Russell, Mr R Percival, Paul Bettles, Beverly Butler, Sally Bennett (Minutes)

Apologies: Cllr King, Mr W Jerman, Mr B Holder

Minutes

Action

1. Introductions/Apologies

Paul Bettles and Sally Bennett were formally welcomed and introduced to the group. Apologies from Cllr King, Mr W Jerman and Mr B Holder.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2005 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

Ms Flint will report back to the group with the name of a second Secondary Headteacher representative to be available to attend future group meetings as stated in the Terms of Reference.

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5. £50,000 Schools Capital Matched Funding

Beverly Butler reported on a further bidding round that has taken place:

- Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School has now raised £52,000 (at the Capital Strategy Group meeting in May the school had raised only £40,000). It was agreed that the school is awarded £50,000.
- Stanley Junior School have made a bid for £50,000 on the basis that matched funding would be partly funded by a Sport England grant. This grant is now not available to the school. Part of the funding to be raised by the school is to come from the London Marathon Trust but a final decision on this will not be available until December 2005. The school's bid has been amended on the basis that a request for part of the matched funding raised by the school is to come from LEA Accessibility funding. The group felt that this would not meet the criteria outlined in the Cabinet report for this source of funding. Confirmation was sought from Mark Maidment (Director of Finance & Corporate Services) and this is indeed the case. On this basis the bid was not approved at this stage.
- St Elizabeth's RC Primary has provided suitable evidence that the school has raised £65,000 and therefore the group agreed to award the school an additional £15,000 making a total award of £65,000.

It was agreed that the next round of bidding for the 2006/2007 allocation would be timetabled before the group meet on 8 February 2006.

6. Determination of Priority for £100,000 from 2006/2007 Education Capital Programme for School Bids

Ms Flint and Ms Brett reported to the group on priority suggestions obtained from other Primary, Special and Secondary Headteachers. These included Security Issues, Mains Drinking Fountains, Asbestos Issues and Playgrounds. The group decided that the funding should once again be made available for Security Issues. Should bids exceed the amount of funding available priority will be given to projects as follows:

1. CCTV
2. Lighting
3. Perimeter Fencing

Outline Approval of this element of the 2006/2007 Education Capital Programme is to be presented to the Cabinet Meeting taking place on 7 November 2005 in order to enable early notification to schools. The draft Education Capital Programme for 2006/2007 will be presented to the group at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 6 December 2005, 5pm

Wednesday 8 February 2006, 5pm

Wednesday 24 May 2006, 5pm