

Capital Strategy Group

Tuesday 8 February 2005

Terrace Room York House. 5pm

Present: Cllr Samuel (Chairman), Cllr King, Cllr Taylor, Mr John Russell, Ms Christine Brett, Ms Heather Flint, Mr Bill Jerman, Mr Brian Holder, Jessica Saraga, Beverly Butler

Apologies: Mr Nigel Buck

Minutes

Action

1. Introductions

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Samuel expressed concern over several comments made at the last meeting that may be deemed as a conflict of interest. It was suggested that Legal Services advise the Group on a protocol to be circulated and then discussed at the next meeting.

Members of the Group felt it would be helpful if any comment considered to be a conflict could be pointed out at the time. As there is only one secondary Headteacher it would be difficult not to comment on a secondary school issue and comments by primary headteachers could equally be deemed as a conflict if the issue under discussion has a knock-on effect on a group of schools. Headteachers are nominated by their peer group to represent all schools.

Councillors' attendance and number of hours present at meetings are to be monitored and information made available to the public in the form of a 'league table of attendance'. It was made clear that this group is not one where the attendance of Councillors is recorded for 'League Table' purposes.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Further prioritisation of projects for the Education Capital Programme 2005/2006

Officers outlined the details of projects that remain on the list for possible inclusion following the boost to 2004/05 funds as released following the success of the Targeted Capital Fund bid. Members of the Group were asked to prioritise projects but also to bear in mind the need to maintain flexibility in order to include potential projects as the result of the soon to be completed condition surveys.

The priorities were agreed as follows:

Shene International – artificial turf replacement £117k, due to the Health & Safety issues and match funding available from the Corporate Programme.

Teddington – an additional £50k identified as a result of a feasibility report as needed to complete Phase 1 of the replacement of rented demountables.

Hampton Community College – refurbishment of two science laboratories and associated preparation room £130k, part of on-going programme as well as due to Health & Safety issues and to meet suitability needs.

Grey Court – roof renewal above changing room area £150k, following the agreed principle to carry out work that potentially could result in school closure.

Stanley Infant – Phase 1 of school development project, a sum deemed to be available making allowance for other condition survey requirements.

The Group will be informed of further details of projects that may be necessary following receipt of condition surveys – by the end of March.

6. Security funding

The Group agreed that further prioritisation within the security scope would assist schools in making bids. The priorities were agreed as:

- Perimeter fencing
- CCTV
- Safety of the workforce and pupils

7. Any other business

A full update of The Russell School matched fund project was requested for the next meeting.

St Edmund's had experienced a 'sewerage problem' that was resolved with due thanks to the Health & Safety Team, and in addition had suffered from a burglary.

The Group wished to pass on their thanks to Mrs Pam Crisp, one of the governor representatives, who has resigned her membership.

Mr Nigel Buck, the new governor representative was unable to attend the meeting due to the start time. The Group was asked to consider a later start time for future meetings. It was agreed that 5 p.m. has proved a good start time as it allows attendees to move on to the later start times of other Council based meetings and enables Headteachers to attend other school arranged meetings, both of which usually start around 7 p.m.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 24 May 2005.

Items for discussion at the next meeting –

- Protocol
- The Russell Capital Bid update.