

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS TRANSFORMATION BOARD

9 NOVEMBER 2006

Councillors Santry (Chair), Jones, B Harris and Weber (representing Cllr Engert)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jane Farrell, Dr Alexis, Cllr Engert (represented by Cllr Weber) and Dr Colm Hickey

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 5 SEPTEMBER 2006

Noted a correction in that the purchase of the Freehold (on page 4 of the minutes) should be £6 million and not £6!

We were advised that the PFI Sub Group was due to meet on either 21 or 28 November. Issues in dispute between Haringey and Jarvis about outstanding work had been referred to an independent assessor. Members asked for reassurance that the contract was being enforced as vigorously as possible and were advised that the Protocol set out all the elements and arrangements to be agreed in a Deed of Variation to the original PFI contract. At this stage it was expected that the investment would lead to reduced maintenance costs and resolve the current uneconomical situation. BSF members were invited to inspect the Protocol if they so wished.

RESOLVED

- That a report on the progress of the PFI sub group be reported to the next meeting of the Schools Transformation Board on 15 January 2007.
- That the BSF office circulate the Implementation Protocol to the PFI Sub-Group.

3. CHANGE OF NAME

The Chair and the Director of the Childrens' Service introduced this item and suggested that the new title 'Schools Transformation Board' would better reflect the overall purpose of the group, ie. transforming the learning and teaching experience through construction and ICT projects. This proposed change of name had been endorsed by the Executive Advisory Board; the parent committee of this sub body.

RESOLVED

That the name of the Building Schools for the Future Consultative Committee be changed to the '*Schools Transformation Board*' and that officers reconsider whether the Terms of Reference should also be revisited (attached to these minutes)

4. **BSF PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

We were advised that the award of contract for the Design and Construction partners would be considered by the Executive Procurement Committee in December. We had also received with this agenda a 'roadmap' project plan showing key activities. BSF officers had offered this as a clear (at a glance) alternative to a traditional spreadsheet or graph. This document would be updated regularly and reported to the Schools Transformation Board. We noted that some figures may be slightly higher than the original bid due to inflation and fees.

5. **ICT - STRATEGY REPORT**

We noted that the Business Case had been approved last week and a vote of thanks was offered to the ICT Leadership Group. We were also introduced to Eugene Cash, the new ICT Procurement Stream Leader. Rob Carter advised that he would be meeting schools to help set up timetables and the procurement process was expected to start on time.

We noted that the OJEU notice had slipped from 10 November but we were reminded that this was a complex procurement under a new EC procedure. However, the revised date of 7 December was not expected to impact on the final date. In response to a question about the short timescale between the evaluations of tenders to handover; we were advised that, as part of their options appraisal and budget modelling, schools had the option to extend timescales where necessary.

6. **NEW SCHOOL COMPETITION**

We received a tabled document from the OPM on the progress of the competition and were advised of a seminar for promoters which was held on 3rd October. We noted that this was the first event of its kind in the country and promoters had to make submissions by 22nd December; with the Schools Organisation Committee making the final decision in April.

The Chair advised that there were a number of Haringey Councillors and Head Teachers on SOC but they would be seeking independent advice. We were advised that there had been a bid for a Trust and an Academy and, following the submission of the proposal to the Council's Executive on 21 November, the information would be publicly available.

In response to a question as to whether Head Teachers could support a community school bid, it was suggested that BSF officers attend Head Teachers meetings to offer advice.

7. PROGRESS ON SIXTH FORM CENTRE

We received a verbal update on progress of the Sixth Form Centre and were advised that the building was on target; with good progress on ICT and procurement and that the branding had been finalised. The Prospectus was now available and had been despatched to students and parents in mid September. An open evening on 19 October had been well attended by some 100 young people and their parents (mainly from Gladesmore, Northumberland Park and Woodside).

We were advised that 5 out of the 6 Faculty Heads had been appointed. The Head of Hospitality and Catering post had been re-advertised and interviews would be held next week. The ringfenced post for the Programme Area Manager had gone out to advert after half term.

The time capsule was due to be buried on 30 November and 2 more open evenings were planned; one for 6 February. It was suggested that the venue for these be reviewed; the Tottenham Hotspur Hospitality suite was rather formal. The Director of the Childrens' Service offered to assist in finding an alternative.

It was noted that this work was administered by a very small group of staff and tribute was paid to their sterling efforts in this respect.

8. MANAGING CHANGE THROUGH BSF

We were advised of the review of 'Bright Futures' to develop a more streamlined range of themes to run through the BSF programme, 11-19 Forum and the Childrens' Service Plan. Current thinking suggested :

- Extended service provide for the community
- Learning styles transformed through ICT
- A curriculum that enabled personalised provision
- Transforming practice through workforce development
- Global citizenship

We noted that the above themes would be more accurately reflected by the change of name of this Committee to the 'Schools Transformation Board'; as set out earlier on this agenda.

9. FEEDBACK FROM WAVE 4-6 SUBMISSION

We were advised of the good progress on Wave 2 (for schools in the East of the Borough) and the schools based workshops and good practice visits which had taken place to finalise the design brief. We referred again the 'road map' which appeared earlier on this agenda (under Highlight Report), the document entitled 'Readiness to Deliver' for the Wave 4 Phase (the next item on this agenda) and the organisational chart on p25 of the agenda showing the key personnel.

We were pleased to be advised that the DfES had agreed the outline business case and budget's allocation. The Document 'Readiness to Deliver' had to clearly demonstrate that we could deliver to the Wave 4 Agenda. The Partnerships for Schools representative advised that we had been recommended for Wave 4 to the DfES. The DfES decision would soon be confirmed formally.

10. EXTRANET

Core documentation was now available on the Haringey website (www.haringey.gov.uk/bsf); the SBC would soon be removed and replaced by the OBC by early December. We were advised that some of the specialist extranet software was rather complex and best suited for specialist work with designers and contractors, but it could be available to school partners if found valuable for them. A more straightforward interface was under development and the involvement of one of the STB governors was valuable in this development. We noted that in the short term, all necessary documents are on line.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

We were very pleased to be advised of the £178m Award to the BSF Programme which was the largest ever awarded in Haringey. The Chair offered a vote of thanks to officers on the BSF Team for their hard work in achieving this.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm