

**REPORT:** Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 22 February 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Children and Young People

**SUBJECT:** Update on Building Schools for the Future and Primary Capital

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks to provide a summary of progress to date in Building School for Future and Primary Capital in Halton.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That**

**(1) the report is noted; and**

**(2) the Board requests a further update on BSF and PCP in September 2010.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Halton's Outline Business Case was approved in August 2009 and the Competitive Dialogue process then commenced. Following the evaluation of the Pre-qualification questionnaires, two bidders were approved to progress to the next stage of the procurement process, Invitation to Proceed with Dialogue (IPD1). The two bidders; the Local Transformation Partnership a consortia of Hotchief, Galliford Try and Vinci and the Halton and Warrington Learning Partnership led by Lang O' Rourke, have substantial experience of delivering previous BSF Programmes.

3.2 Invitation to Proceed with Dialogue was issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009. Since then the following meetings have been held with each bidder:

8 Design meetings for each school;  
5 Partnering meetings;

- 4 Transformation meetings;
- 4 Legal meetings;
- 3 Finance meetings
- 3 ICT meetings;
- 2 Planning meetings; and
- 1 PE Sport and Culture meeting.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December each bidder presented a summary of the journey taken to an audience of Headteachers and other schools staff, Governors, Elected Members, Officers and Advisors.

- 3.3 The two bidders then submitted their bids by the deadline of Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 12pm. Both bidders will deliver a formal presentation of their bids on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the Stadium and the evaluation of the bids will be completed and moderated by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Once the evaluation has been completed the bidders will then progress to the next stage of Competitive Dialogue (Invitation to Proceed to Dialogue 2) from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.
- 3.4 Halton and Warrington have agreed to procure a joint LEP to deliver both Halton and Warrington's BSF Programme, this will ensure that both Programmes are more marketable and there are economies of scale. In November 2009 Warrington's Readiness to Deliver submission was approved and the formal remit meeting for Warrington will be held in February 2010. At this point Warrington will formally enter the BSF Programme.
- 3.5 The current schedule is that the final bids are returned in June 2010 and that the contract is awarded in December 2010. Appendix A provides an outline of the proposed timeline for the BSF Programme.
- 3.6 Three key projects were approved through the Primary Capital Programme. It was agreed that the Primary Capital would be combined with BSF funding to complete the All Through school at The Grange. In addition, it was also agreed that All Saints Upton in Widnes be rebuilt. Contractors are due to commence on site on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 and it is estimated that the new building will be complete and open in November 2009, followed by the demolition and the completion of all the external works by the end of March 2011. The plans for the school can be seen in the virtual walk through.
- 3.7 The final project supported through PCP is the remodelling of Our Lady Mother of the Saviour. This is a joint project with Shrewsbury Diocese aimed at remodelling the school to ensure that the buildings and learning can transformed. Estimated completion for this project is April/May 2011.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 A key challenge for the PCP project at Our Lady Mother of the Saviour is the contribution of 10% the governors/Diocese must find without this funding the project cannot go ahead. The Diocese and the Local Authority are working together to secure this funding jointly.

#### **5.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 5.1 The Strategy for Change and Outline Business Case for Warrington are currently being developed. To try and ensure funding can be secured it is planned to complete these documents by the end of March 2010. This is a very challenging timescale. This work needs to be done to ensure funding is approved for the four first phase Warrington schools.

#### **6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 6.1 Through BSF it is aimed to provide choice and diversity and to ensure that schools are fully accessible and inclusive.

#### **7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Documents	Place of Inspection	Contact
BSF Strategy For Change Part 1 and 2	BSF Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chester Building Grosvenor House Runcorn	Daniel Hennessy BSF Programme Director
BSF Outline Business Case	As above	As above
Primary Capital Strategy	Finance and Resources Division 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chester Building Grosvenor House Runcorn	Lorraine Cox Divisional Manager Finance and Resources