

Appendix 1

Funding Model

DFES and Partnerships for Schools (Pfs) will determine the most appropriate funding arrangements for a Project. In the main new school buildings will be undertaken through the (PFI) Private Finance Initiative and refurbishments will be conventional capital funding such as capital grant and supported borrowing.

Procurement Arrangements

The default model for BSF is the Local Education Partnership (LEP) unless otherwise agreed with the DFES and Partnerships for Schools. Alternatives should only be proposed where they represent value for money.

The LEP is a joint venture company comprising the Local Authority, Partnerships for Schools and a private sector partner. The local authority has a contract with the LEP, a Strategic Partnering Agreement, which gives the LEP exclusive rights to develop proposals for and deliver the design and build of BSF secondary schools in the local authority for a fixed period, generally ten years. The LEP acts as a single point of contact for the procurement, delivery and integration of all services required. It organises the supply chain e.g. design teams, buildings, ICT providers and facilities management companies.

The LEP Boards consists of four members from the Private Sector Partner (PSP), one Local Authority and one Partnership for Schools member.