

Notes taken at meeting on Thursday 6th March with Weald School regarding progress on The Weald School Development Options

In attendance: David Hallam - (Guildford Diocese)

Lisa Sleat - (Business Manager Weald School)

Paul Garber] CPC Councillor

Mandy Schryver] “

Jean Pearson] “

Chris Ball] “

Jackie Coke - Clerk to PC

1. The Head of the school and Board of Governors had resigned after the recently released Ofsted report on The Weald School had described the school as inadequate and had put the school into ‘special measures’
2. The School is now required to become an Academy and in the short term the Acting head Teacher Nicky Angus will be responsible for the day to day management of the school supported by Sue Whittle(head of St Paul’s Dorking) as consultant head teacher. Academy status is expected by September and the school will be re-examined by Ofsted in 4 to 6mnths time. In the meantime The Local Authority together with the Diocese is currently drawing up an Action Plan to address the issues drawn out in the Ofsted report.
3. The above would mean a delay in progressing the development plans and although as an Academy The Weald would be eligible to bid for funding from the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund this would be insufficient for a rebuild option.
4. CPC considered that the school consultants AMEC had done a grave disservice to The Weald with their lack of understanding regarding a public consultation.

No information regarding this meeting would be divulged until after Monday 10th March by which time parents would have received official notification of the above.

Refurbishment costs for Weald

1. Total condition need according to the 2010 Survey by DHP £842,306
2. £25,100 C1 Urgent work that will prevent immediate closure of the premises; and / or address and immediate high risk to health and safety of occupants; and / or remedy a serious breach of legislation.
3. £465,000 C2 Essential work that will prevent serious deterioration of the fabric or services; and / or address a medium risk to health and safety of occupants; and / or remedy a less serious breach of legislation.
4. £352,306 C3 Desirable work that will prevent deterioration of fabric or services; and/or address a low risk to health and safety of occupants; and / or remedy a minor breach of legislation.
5. EFA threshold for a school rebuild under Priority School Building Programme 30%. Ie if the backlog of condition need is at least 30% of costs of rebuild a school should be rebuilt.
6. Based on EFA assumptions the Weald’s is at 26%. Based on BHP budget figures 38%.

7. Refurbishment does nothing about undersized and oversized classrooms, halls, kitchen and other rooms and spaces; poor adjacencies (a test of how a school functions, what rooms need to be near to each other etc) and poor site location.
8. The large condition needs include:
 - a. Electrical and lighting £163,700
 - b. Heat distribution£124,900
 - c. Hot water services £64,900
 - d. Roofs £34,600
9. The updated position for all Guildford Diocesan VA Schools in Surrey is C1 £952,900 C2 £9,521,580 C3 £12,564,470 C4 £482,700 total £23,521,650. The provisional allocation of LCVAP for 2014/15 is £1,836,545.
10. As an Academy The Weald would be eligible to bid for funding from the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund and in the current round could have put forward a maximum of 2 projects.