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Summary



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Background



Current school configuration in Wales is unsustainable environmentally and financially

Surplus places approaching 20% across Wales

Condition and Suitability issues

Moving from small scale investment - poor vfm, to strategic, more efficient long-term funding







Strategic Approach



Investment across the whole school estate; 3-19

STEP CHANGE - Major long term investment

Funding to be provided in 3-year “Bands”

High-level national school estate survey

Local authorities producing 10-year strategic outline programmes





Aims of Programme



The Welsh Assembly Government in partnership with local government will deliver through the 21st Century schools programme:

Learning environments for children and young people in Wales aged from 3-19 that will enable the successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes;

A sustainable education system through better use of resources to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the education estate and enhance local public service provision; and

A 21st Century schools standard for all schools in Wales which also reduces the recurrent costs, energy consumption and carbon emissions.



21st Century Schools Working Definition



Schools configured to respond to changing approaches to teaching and learning

Schools of the right size in the right places

Inspirational environments appropriate for new educational developments and technologies

Sustainable environments, supported fully by ICT

Inclusivity, providing appropriate provision for all learners

An outstanding resource for the whole community

An opportunity for schools and other services to work collaboratively and to link more effectively with early years and with the 14-19 transformation agenda.





Timescale



May 2010- Information Document available

July 2010 – WAG Tranche 3 announcement

October 2010 – All authorities to submit Strategic Outline Programmes

Early 2011- Programme Board receives recommendations on funding sequence; WAG announces long-term programme

Spring 2011 onwards - Authorities in Band A submit Outline Business Cases (OBCs) for programme funding

Approval of OBCs unlocks funding for allocated project “slot” in the Programme for construction starts from April 2012

Procurement - from Summer 2011



Programme Update



Governance – Ministerial Board

Developing strategic vision and ownership

Promoting joint/regional working

Building capacity

Information Document

21st Century Schools – Definition

Evaluation and Prioritisation

Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) Template

Procurement



Guidance in preparation



Space standards

Whole life costing

Interpretation of statutory requirements; e.g. acoustics, sprinklers, ventilation, day lighting etc.

Sustainable design and environmental standards

ICT

Involvement of children and young people



Procurement



Collaborative initiatives

Framework contracts- design and build

Regional and sole authority approaches

SMEs and local supply chains

Shared services



Issues under consideration



Long-term funding for maintenance

Percentage of WAG funding for projects

Impact of current economic situation

Use and funding of PPP





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