



City of Westminster

Minutes

Meeting: **Committee of the Cabinet (BSF)**

Date of meeting: **11 April 2007 at 2.00pm**

Attendees: **Councillors Sarah Richardson (Chairman) and Sir Simon Milton.**

Apologies: **Councillor Colin Barrow**

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1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1 It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Barrow.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Councillor Richardson declared a non-prejudicial interest in relation to discussions held on the Pimlico District Heating Undertaking Scheme in that she was a ward Councillor in that area.

3. MINUTES

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September ~~2006-December 2006~~ were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

4.1 **RESOLVED:** That, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because it involves the likely disclosure of information on the grounds shown below:

Agenda Item No.	Grounds	Para of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act
6	information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	3

5. BSF PROCUREMENT PROCESS – EVALUATION OF BIDDERS’ RESPONSES AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT FINAL TENDERS
(see report of the Director of Building Schools for the Future – agenda item 6)

5.1 The Director of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) introduced a report (a) providing Members with information about the progress of the procurement process for Westminster’s BSF programme and (b) setting out the process for evaluation of Bidders’ responses to the Invitation to Continue the Dialogue. Members noted that the recommendations in the report relating to the evaluation of the initial bids and the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders were agreed in principle by the BSF Strategic Board at its meeting on the 30 March 2007.

5.2 Members discussed the following issues in particular:

- The evaluation scores achieved by the two Bidders

- The proposed Financial Cap
- The Competitive Dialogue Procurement Process
- Risks associated with the procurement timetable
- The possible extension of the Pimlico District Heating Undertaking (PDHU) scheme to include the Pimlico School site
- Property issues in relation to St Marylebone School and St George's School.

5.3 The Committee noted that Members of the BSF Team would be meeting Partnership for Schools (PfS) on 12 April 2007 to discuss a variety of issues, including a request for a small number of contractual changes (derogations) to be made to the standard contract drafting approved by PfS.

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5.35.4 RESOLVED:

2.1.1(1) That it be agreed that the report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

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2.1.2(2) That the results of the ITCD evaluation process be noted and that both Bidders – BPEC and QED – be invited to submit final tenders;

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2.1.3(3) That, subject to his being satisfied following final consideration of the relative risks and timing issues, in consideration of legal advice, and in consultation with Partnerships for Schools (PfS), the Chief Executive be authorised to agree the proposed arrangements for the Local Education Partnership and issue the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders on the basis outlined in the report (initially in draft, if necessary), so that the procurement may proceed in accordance with the planned timescales;

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2.1.4(4) That the transfer of part of the St Marylebone site, as described in paragraph 9.1 of the report, be formally agreed;

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2.1.6(5) That the granting of a long lease of the Lanark Road site to the Trustees of St George's RC School, as described in paragraph 9.2 of the report, be authorised on terms to be agreed by the Director of Property and Strategic Projects;

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(6) That it be noted that further reports will be brought forward on the Non-Sample School sites once title audit work is complete;

2.1.7(7) That the position in relation to the potential for disposal of residential provision at Blandford Street be noted; and

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- (8) That Bidders should be instructed to submit a Mandatory Variant Tender to include connection to the Pimlico District Heating Undertaking, in addition to their standard Tender.

Reason for Decisions:

In order to keep to the agreed timescales, and subject to the issues of relative risk, progress with ongoing work, and consultation with PfS, it is important for the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders to be issued on the target date (in draft form if necessary).

5. END OF MEETING

5.1 The meeting ended at 3:14pm.