

## **Monthly Bulletin 29 on BSF Programme: April/May 2008**

Main developments since the last bulletin are as follows:

### **Development of BSF wave 5 proposals**

Much work has been taking place on the development of detailed proposals – at a school level – for Wave 5 of the BSF programme. A Briefing Pack has been prepared for schools, which will be issued during June, and a Design Development Week has been arranged for 23-27 June. A summary of the events that constitute the week is attached as an appendix.

### **Further consultation of BSF wave 5:**

A further round of meetings with Chairs of Governing Bodies and then Governing bodies is being held in the summer term to ensure common understanding and commitment to Wave 5 BSF proposals, prior to the start of statutory consultation in September.

### **Strategy for Change for Wave 5 of the BSF programme**

Following extensive discussions, PfS have agreed that the Council's draft Strategy for Change and the issues contained within it are at a stage where a remit meeting can now be arranged. This is significant in that it indicates that the broad thrust of the Council's strategy is now viewed as likely to be acceptable. A meeting will be arranged as soon as diaries permit.

### **Tom Hood and Cann Hall**

Tom Hood and Cann Hall governing bodies met in May and agreed to move to consultation on a hard federation. If a federation is agreed, this is a logical precursor to becoming an all-through school, though the decision to do so is a separate one and requires a different consultation process.

### **Progress on Bremer School**

Construction work at Bremer continues and is currently some weeks ahead of programme. The majority of construction risks have now been closed out. Consultation on the ICT managed service is progressing to schedule. All the new equipment has been agreed and ordered. The school is in the process of agreeing the training programme and the use of OneCard with the school e-registration, cashless and access control systems.

### **Progress on Kelmscott School**

Phased work is progressing. The Authority and Contractor are now looking at the programme of works over the summer period to ensure that the project meets its contract completion date and all works are completed by the start of September. The ICT managed service went live on 21 April. All staff have received new laptops and training in how to use them and new email was implemented to link all school staff, as well as new state of the art media suite. Some snagging issues with the operational service are being dealt with by the ICT MS provider and their helpdesk. Consultation is

underway on additional equipment provided for Sept. and configuration of CCTV, cashless and access control services for the same date.

#### Progress on Walthamstow School for Girls

The majority of design work has been completed. Only spaces like assembly areas and studios remain outstanding but there should be no problem in completing all of this work prior to the start of construction in July.

#### Communications:

AS reported in the last Bulletin, for those who may have missed it the BSF pages on the Council's web site have been updated, and can be viewed at:

[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/building-schools-for-the-future](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/building-schools-for-the-future)

Detailed information on the ICT managed service in particular has been prepared jointly by the Council and Ramesys and is available at the following site (which can also be accessed via the Council's web site).

[http://rols.ramesys.com/WF\\_Update/Waltham\\_Forest\\_Update\\_landing.htm](http://rols.ramesys.com/WF_Update/Waltham_Forest_Update_landing.htm)