

## **Monthly Bulletin 22 on BSF Programme: June 2007**

Main developments since the last monthly bulletin are as follows:

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

A consultation document has been issued on the principles that should inform Wave 5 of BSF in the Borough. "Short" and "long" versions have been prepared for different audiences. Specific proposals will not be developed until the autumn.

Workshops have been held with groups of young people, staff and other stakeholders to contribute to the content of the consultation papers and a working group of Head Teachers has contributed to the drafting of the "short" version of the consultation paper.

Just under 30,000 copies of the short-form consultation document have been sent to parents, pupils and other interested parties across the Borough. The consultation has also been publicised in a range of other ways, including via WFM and the internet. A series of meetings and face-to-face sessions are also being undertaken, mostly led by schools for their own parents/pupils/Governors. It is the most extensive formal consultation that Children's services has ever undertaken, and one of the largest undertaken by the Council in recent years.

Consultation closes in early September.

A copy of the consultation document is available at

<http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/education/school-org-partnership-dev/building-schools-for-the-future.htm>

### **Building programme:**

Building works have continued on schedule at both Bremer School and at Kelmscott.

### **Ministerial visit**

Both Kelmscott and Warwick were visited during the month by Lord Adonis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Children, Schools and Families

### **Progress towards "Financial Close"**

Work towards reaching Financial Close (i.e. signing all contracts and establishing a Local Education Partnership) with the Bouygues Partnership for Education and Community has proceeded throughout the month, with a target date for completion now mid-July.

The Final Business case was submitted to PfS in April and all outstanding queries on its contents have now been dealt with. All other necessary internal council approvals and Governing Body agreements have also been signed, and the detail of proposals in relation to both ICT and building works agreed.

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