



BSF Consortiums Longlisted

The BSF Evaluation Teams reviewed five expressions of interest from bidders through the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) process. The Evaluation Teams eventually recommended the longlisting of the following four consortiums which were agreed in accordance with the Council's approval process.

AURA

Sir Robert McAlpine – Construction
Robertsons FM – Facilities Management
Telindus – ICT

Inspired Places

Carillion Building – Construction
Carillion Services – Facilities Management
Carillion ICT (with support from Ramesys) – ICT

EMEYE

Willmott Dixon and GB Building Solutions – Construction
MITIE Group – Facilities Management
Capito – ICT

Galliford Try

Galliford Try – Construction
Galliford Try FM - Facilities Management
RM – ICT

These four consortiums were Invited To Participate in Dialogue (ITPD) and submissions were received on 18 August 2008. The number of consortiums to engage in competitive dialogue will be reduced to three by 16 September 2008, following a further detailed evaluation process.

The bidders visited the two sample school sites – Hollingworth Business and Enterprise College and Siddal Moor Sports College for the first time on 5 August 2008. The visits generated much interest and discussion amongst the design teams, all of whom stated they were up for the challenge!

Investment in Post 16 – good news

The Sixth Form College was incorporated on 1 August 2008 and Governors are currently being appointed. Procurement is underway with a target opening date for the new college in Rochdale set for September 2010.

The summer weeks also saw confirmation of the resources to secure the remodelling of Hopwood Hall College, which will see significant elements of new build on both the Rochdale and Middleton sites. The new facility will be developed and opened by September 2011.

Invitation to speak at BSF Annual Conference

Given the good progress Rochdale has made to date on BSF, John Bollington - Project Director has been invited to lead a workshop at the Annual PFS September Conference on the challenges of pre-procurement.

Meet more of our School Organisation Team



Yvonne Williams

Principal Commissioning Manager

Yvonne has worked for RMBC for 14 years and is currently responsible for AMP, Major Capital Programmes and budgets (non PFI) and the Primary Capital Programme.

Yvonne not only takes a keen interest in building works across our school sites, but has also undertaken a single-handed, hands-on barn conversion which she lives in. Apart from anything to do with building work, Yvonne enjoys a busy social life and regularly likes visiting sunny locations. Yvonne also has 21 year old twin daughters.

Middleton Academy appoints builder

Willmott Dixon has seen off stiff competition to be chosen as preferred bidder for St Anne's Academy.

Willmott Dixon aims to start on site in January 2009 on the £16 million contract to build the 900 place St Anne's Academy in Middleton, which will open in September 2010. The new facility, which includes a sixth form, will be built on the current site, with pupils remaining in the existing buildings during building works. Willmott Dixon will team up with architect Aedas and is working with its in-house sustainable consultancy Re-Thinking, to achieve a 60% carbon reduction in the Academy's operation, including enhancing heating efficiency.



Proposed front elevation of St Anne's Academy

St Anne's Academy is sponsored by Anne and David Crossland and The Church of England Diocese of Manchester.

Primary Capital Programme

Having submitted our Primary Strategy for Change to the DCSF in June in our bid for Primary Capital Programme funding, we have been collecting further detailed data over the summer holidays to support and guide development of the schemes on the first 4 years of the proposed programme. In conjunction with our Diocese partners we aim to complete major refurbishment and/or remodelling of 8 primary schools - St Mary's RC (Middleton), Harwood Park, Holy Family RC, Kentmere, Deeplish, Little Heaton, St Johns RC (Rochdale) and St Margaret's CE (Heywood), as well as to provide completely new school buildings for Heybrook and Lowerplace primary schools. This is to be delivered via a partnership procurement arrangement with the Authority's strategic partner, Impact, and one or more major construction and design companies (currently being negotiated) in conjunction with Diocese consultants.

This is a tall order in the time available within the initial funding phase, which is why we are starting the planning and consultation processes prior to the approval announcement expected in September, in order to meet the targeted completion of the first phase at the end of 2013. During this initial 4 years, we will be constantly collecting and reviewing information on all other primary schools within the authority, to prioritise the schemes which will form the phases within the remaining 10 years of the PCP programme and to direct our other capital allocations to support those schools which won't benefit from PCP funding but still need modernisation and achievement of their school development plans.

Alongside all of this activity, there will be an ongoing programme of seminars and working group sessions set up to support and involve school leaders and stakeholders in the consultation and statutory processes and the development of the individual PCP projects. We hope that this will enable design and planning processes to start for each school site between January and March of 2009, following which we can schedule the first project works to commence.

Springhill becomes a Trust School

Springhill High School was established as a Trust School on 1 September 2008. The trust status is part of the developments that will take place within the BSF programme.

The Legal Service have been working over the summer period, finalising all the details to establish the trust status, including transferring the site to the new trustees.

Please Welcome.....

Chris Swift

School Reorganisation Manager

Chris joined the team in August 2008, taking over from Andy Smart. He has an education and schools background and previously worked in Bolton for over 20 years, being involved in a number of school reorganisation and capital developments.

Chris has 3 children, the oldest has 'sort of' left home, the next has started a post-grad course in Leeds and the youngest has just started in Year 10. Outside work Chris enjoys hill walking, gardening, reading, cooking and the theatre.

Bowlee Park Community Primary School – progress update

Work began during the Easter holidays this year on the Furrow Community Primary School site in preparation for the opening of the new Bowlee Park Community Primary School at the beginning of the Spring Term in January 2009. The contract for the extensive refurbishment of the 2FE community school was awarded to Jackson, Jackson & Sons Ltd who officially began construction on 31st March. Construction work on Windermere Avenue is progressing well with minimal disruption to the day to day running of the Children's and Sports Centres and the local residents are already able to see dramatic changes to the building as demolition has been completed and fitting of the new roof has commenced.

Meanwhile, staff and pupils from Furrow and Langley Primary schools have been working together on the Langley site to prepare for their coming together as Bowlee Park at the start of the new school year in September and planning has begun to ensure a smooth transition into their wonderful new school after Christmas.

Carolynne is keeping up with the Jones'

Congratulations to Carolynne Jones (nee Wadsworth) and Martin Jones who tied the knot on 13 July – fortunately for them, one of the rare days of sunshine this summer! They honeymooned in Malta.

Carolynne Jones
BSF Administration Assistant

