



## Another milestone reached for Rochdale's Secondary Schools

### Council names Building Schools for the Future partner

Rochdale Borough Council has chosen a partner to work on its £196 million Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme to transform the borough's secondary schools.

'*Inspiredspaces*', a Carillion-led joint consortium, will become the council's local education partner, responsible for rebuilding and refurbishing 14 schools across the borough. This appointment is made subject to formal council and procurement protocols, with contract signature expected in early December 2009.

The project starts in January 2010 with the construction of new and refurbished facilities at Hollingworth Business and Enterprise College and Siddal Moor Sports College.

Over the period up to Christmas, the '*Inspiredspaces*' consortium, the council and BSFI/Partnerships for Schools will finalise how they plan to deliver the programme, before signing a 10 year partnership contract to rebuild 4 schools and refurbish/remodel the borough's 8 other secondary schools.

Via BSF, the Brownhill Federation will receive substantial investment. The Pupil Referral Unit at Darnhill will be completely rebuilt, whilst Brownhill School and the Pupil Referral Unit at Saxon Hall will be significantly remodelled and refurbished.

Over the next 3 years, all secondary schools will see major investment in ICT.

**Siddal Moor Sports College** in Heywood will be the first to be remodelled and refurbished, transforming the student experience with new and improved teaching and enhanced community/sport facilities.





**Hollingworth Business and Enterprise College** in Milnrow will benefit from exciting new learning spaces and high quality public facilities, to support the college's delivery of extended and community services.

Councillor Zulfiqar Ali, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families, said the announcement of the council's selected bidder and the proposed designs of the first two schools will keep the transformation of education in the borough firmly on track:

"Our vision is ambitious, and we believe not only will the schools make a huge difference to our standards of education, but they will help transform communities. All our students, teachers and the local community will benefit enormously from this investment."

Carillion Chief Executive, John McDonough, said:

"We are delighted to have been appointed as preferred bidder for this major investment programme. As a leading supplier to the BSF programme we look forward to building a strong and successful relationship with Rochdale, its head teachers and their staff, to provide schools and colleges that will enable them to deliver a first-class learning experience, as well as providing high-quality community facilities."

Tim Byles, CEO of Partnerships for Schools, the organisation responsible for the national Building Schools for the Future programme, added:

"Reaching this important milestone is good news for the national BSF programme and even better news for the school children and communities of the Rochdale borough. These transformed learning environments and technology will have an enormous impact on education and the life chances of every young person."

## Next Steps – Autumn Term 2009

Contract Procurement – Contract award expected December 2009

### Hollingworth / Siddal Moor

Final designs / room layout sign off  
 Detailed planning applications to be considered November 2009.  
 There will be opportunities to view the plans for the new Hollingworth and Siddal Moor schemes at the schools over the coming weeks.  
 Start works on site – January 2010 onwards

### Oulder Hill

To finalise scope of building alterations / costs to change age range of school from September 2010

### Matthew Moss / Cardinal Langley

New Project approval process underway  
 Design discussions to commence with selected bidder and schools  
 Affordable design proposals to be received for each project and signed off before Christmas.

### Phase 2 Projects

Discussions to commence on updating Strategy for Change, design aspirations, design specifications, room accommodation schedules  
 Investigate outstanding land and title issues  
 Commission additional building and site surveys  
 Finalise decanting arrangements

## Phase 3 Projects

Develop Strategies for Change  
Explore options for earlier development  
Keep the BSF Team aware of any school development (changes which might influence/impact on the overall programme)

## ICT Managed Service

**The award of BSF Grant funding is conditional upon the development of an ICT Managed Service for Secondary Schools. The summary below provides greater detail for those interested in this aspect of BSF**

The ICT service will be provided by Carillion IT Services (CITS) and Ramesys. CITS has during the procurement been purchased by the Capita Group. CITS will continue to be responsible for providing the technical design, installation and hardware of components as well the integration of the various systems.

The central data centre will be created and located in the two CLC's, but will be managed and maintained by CITS.

Ramesys will be providing the learning platform and associated training. All upgrades and updates will be included for the duration of the contract.

The management information system will be SIMS.

The "Core Services" to schools will consist of: Management of the Wide Area Network, E-mail services, MIS support, Support and training on the Managed Learning Environment (MLE), Helpdesk and a catalogue of equipment and services.

All schools will migrate to the new learning platform and MIS system between September 2010 and January 2011. The detailed arrangements including the timing of the move will be agreed with schools on an individual basis during the period January 2010-March 2010.

Schools will begin paying for the Core Services from February 2011.

The full ICT managed service includes all the elements previously agreed with schools. The first school to enter the full managed service will be St Anne's in September 2010. Other schools will enter when their building programme is complete with the exception of the Phase 3 schools which enter in September 2012.

All eligible ICT staff will transfer under TUPE regulations to the new employer when the school enters the full managed service. CITS have agreed to transfer all staff and have offered a promise of no redundancies.

CITS will work with schools during the Design Phase of their BSF Programme to customise the solution to meet the needs of the school. One key feature of the winning bid was the flexibility and responsiveness of CITS. Their solution offers schools a blend of traditional equipment; "thin client" designs and Virtual Desktop Imaging to offer a true anywhere/anytime access solution. The offer also includes Partnership XChange to support the needs of 14-19 and multi-site working by staff and students.

From January 2011 all schools will be able to purchase equipment from the catalogue. Any such purchases will be taken into the full managed service.

Legacy equipment (i.e. existing user equipment such as laptops purchased and used by the school prior to the managed service) is subject to meeting minimum performance standards. These are the basic performance tests agreed by the ICT Group for core pieces of equipment covered by the payment mechanism. If the equipment passes these tests then it will be accepted into the managed service and maintained free of charge for the length of the contract. It is likely that schools will wish to progressively upgrade this equipment but this approach allows schools to choose if and when this happens rather than imposing an arbitrary retirement date on equipment.

In addition to the initial training to support the implementation of the new MLE, there will be a training and innovation fund which will be held by the LA and jointly managed with CITS to help ensure that staff and pupils gain maximum value from the new service and that the service continues to respond to changes in technology.

## Rochdale Sixth Form College

There is now real evidence of the construction of the new state of the art Sixth Form College, opening in September 2010. The steel framework is visible to all who travel along St Mary's Gate or visit Asda, in central Rochdale.

## St Anne's Academy Progress Report:

The St Anne's Academy building structure is completed and the installation of the envelope i.e. roof and external walling is now being progressed. The external "metsec" walling, terracotta cladding, main entrance glazing and brickwork is all progressing. The roofing works are nearing completion and the target to get watertight for early October 09 is still on target. The internal works are now commencing and this initially includes the first part of the M+E installation. The erection of the internal walls are about to commence and this will then allow the fitting out of the building to proceed. The completion of the refurbished Block 4 first phase is imminent and the final decoration and cleaning has commenced. Handover for the refurbished block 4 is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.



Yasin Khan, Programme Manager, said "The St Anne's Academy programme is underpinned by robust key performance indicators, and clear milestones. The contractors Willmott Dixon are performing to time, cost and quality & providing excellent value for money."

Eric Jackson the principal said "I'm very pleased with the progress, the scheme is on target and we are looking forward to moving into the new building in September 2010."

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## Keith Hill – New Schools Programme Support Manager



Keith joined Rochdale M.B.C. in 1987 as an electrical technical officer, moving into the design section three years later, following fourteen years in the electrical contracting industry. Keith progressed within the Architects Department to become the Senior Services Engineer (Electrical) in 1993 with responsibility for the electrical design team who carried out the electrical contract management and design element for all projects within Rochdale MBC. Following Keith's move to Schools Service in March he has been heavily involved in the Building Schools for the Future programme working closely with the two bidders in the development of their designs and evaluating their final bid proposals. Keith's wife is a nurse at the A+E department at Rochdale Infirmary and his daughter who is also a nurse works on the rheumatology ward at Oldham General. Keith played amateur football in the local leagues for

almost 30 years before switching his efforts to golf which he enjoys despite the amount of time spent in the tree line. Keith's favourite holiday destination is Florida where he visits as much as finances will allow.

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