

Decision maker: Schools Forum

Subject: Property Management Matters

Date of Meeting: 1st May 2013

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Schools Forum of the following:-

- a) Outcome of recent Salix Energy Efficiency funding bids for energy conservation projects.
- b) Programme for Radon Testing to be commenced in summer 2013 at 16 schools.
- c) Arrangements for access to school sites for summer Capital Improvement projects.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that School Forum note the content of this report.

3. Salix Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (SEELS)

3.1 The SEELS programme, operated by Salix on behalf of the Department for Energy and Climate Change, allows public sector bodies to apply for an interest free loan to finance up to 100 per cent of the costs of energy saving projects which have a 5 year payback.

3.2 HPS submitted projects on behalf of six schools in autumn last year and were informed in April that all were granted loans. The successful projects are as follows:-

(a) Changing oil boiler to gas at Meon Junior	£18,400
(b) Cavity wall insulation to Cumberland Infant	£3,400
(c) Swimming Pool cover to Mary Rose	£8,000
(d) Change of oil boiler to gas at Paulsgrove Primary	£42,500
(e) Boiler optimisation at Court Lane Junior	£1,500
(f) LED lighting changes Court Lane Junior	<u>£25,440</u>

Total SALIX funding approved	£99,240
Total Energy Saving	£31,400 kw/h per annum
Total carbon reduction	94.5 tonne CO ₂ per annum

- 3.3 The next programme of Salix funding is yet to be announced, however if schools have any energy saving projects they should contact Alan Barber, HPS Energy Engineer (telephone no. 023 9283 4255) who is available to assist schools with their application forms and calculations in readiness for submission once dates are announced.

4. Radon Testing

- 4.1 School Forum will be aware that The Health Protection Agency (HPA) has advised that a Radon Atlas has been produced which indicates that some schools in Portsmouth will need to assess their Radon risks. The schools selected by the HPA for monitoring are listed below:-

Arundel Court Infants
Arundel Court Junior
Charles Dickens Primary School
City of Portsmouth Girls School
Copnor Infants
Copnor Junior
Corpus Christie
Flying Bull Primary
Isambard Brunel Junior
Langston Infants
Langston Junior
Manor Infants
Meredith Infants
Milton Cross
Newbridge Junior
Westover Primary

- 4.2 HPS will arrange for monitoring equipment to be placed within the schools listed above for a period of 2 months this summer. The HPA have advised that between 10 and 20 monitors would be required in a primary school.
- 4.3 HPS will shortly be contacting schools on an individual basis in order to provide a briefing on the 'management' of the monitors, as well as providing background information on radon health risks and legislation.
- 4.4 The results of the monitoring will be submitted to the HPA for analysis and results will be reported to the schools affected and a future Schools Forum. The HPA have indicated that the analysis will take approximately one month. Should high levels be discovered, the cost of a mitigation system is estimated to be in the region of £5,000.

5. Summer Capital Improvement Works - Access arrangements

- 5.1 Schools Forum are reminded that where improvement works are scheduled to take place during holiday periods, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that all arrangements regarding insurance, security and access for contractors are in place.

- 5.2 Where schools are not able to arrange to 'open' premises during the summer holiday period to facilitate these works, HPS will arrange for a 'Key Holder' service to be provided for the building contractors access to the school grounds and buildings. The cost of the 'Key Holder' service will be reported to the school prior to commission and then recharged to the school at completion of the project.