

Draft letter to Mr Russell Andrews, Education and Planning Director, Partnerships for Schools.

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Dear Mr Andrews

BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is aware that these features are an integral part of the national programme of Building Schools for the Future:

- in general, funding for new-build schools is likely to be through PFI, and refurbishment is likely to be funded by grant or supported borrowing, but the funding arrangements for each particular project will be determined by DfES and Partnerships for Schools;
- a Local Education Partnership will be the default delivery vehicle for BSF unless otherwise agreed with DfES and PfS;
- the local BSF programme will include an integrated managed ICT service.

A meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 5 October 2006 agreed that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive be authorised to confirm in principle the Authority's commitment to accept these features of the BSF programme.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and its partner organisations share a clear vision for the future of this Borough with its unique mix of affluence and acute disadvantage. Our vision is centred on regenerating the local economy and local communities, providing improved services and opportunities, promoting achievement and tackling disadvantage. Renewed education facilities will make a very significant contribution to realising that vision, and the Council looks forward with confidence to establishing a local programme for Building Schools for the Future.

Signed on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Bob Gibson OBE
Leader of the Council

George Garlick
Chief Executive