



SBM Meeting January 2020 Updates

General Diocesan Updates:

ALL SCHOOLS GENERAL

- **Save the date.** Following the success of the first School Business Manager conference earlier this year, we intend to host a second conference next March. Could you please ask your SBM's/CFO's/finance officers to save the date **Thursday 5th March 2020** at the National conference centre based at the Motorcycle museum, Solihull. Invitations will be emailed to all SBM's shortly. Each school will be offered two free places.
- A reminder to complete a Landlord Approval form and that a consultant should be used to manage the project which can be accessed via the link below:
https://www.bdes.org.uk/uploads/7/2/8/5/72851667/copy_of_des_landlord_approval_application_1.xlsx
- IR 35 regarding self employed staff, further changes are to be introduced from April 2020. The DES are awaiting further advice from the CES and we will update you when we have more information, if you have any specific questions, please email Sharon Leahy, we will try to get an answer for you. Further information can be accessed on the gov.uk website.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/april-2020-changes-to-off-payroll-working-for-intermediaries>
- Heads up that the NEU are calling for a 7% teaching pay rise in September 2020 for those working in England <https://neu.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-01/NEU%20evidence%20January%202020%20FINAL%20%28003%29.pdf>
- All schools (but especially Secondary schools) are advised to make use of the DFE Funded Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning training (ICFP) which is running until March 2020. <https://isbl.org.uk/Training.aspx>

CES Legal Updates:

- The DfE has updated its guidance on the Pension Grant 2019 to 2020: allocations and supplementary fund. They have added a “Teachers’ pension employer contribution grant supplementary fund: online claim form guidance” and updated the “Pension supplementary fund and funding for local authority centrally employed teachers and music education hubs” including a link to the supplementary fund claim form.

Those hubs that employ teachers directly can access funding to cover the cost of the increased contributions they are now paying into the Teachers’ Pension Scheme. Further information from the Arts Council England will be released soon. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pension-grant-2019-to-2020-allocations-and-supplementary-fund?utm_source=d64c26e7-f9cd-4c22-9c69feaf10ddd1bc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuknotifications&utm_content=immediate

- The DfE has updated the Teachers’ Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPEG). The pension grant methodology has also been updated. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pension-employer-contribution-grant-tpeg?utm_source=cf72d01e-211c-4e98-ad6f9322f33ed672&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuknotifications&utm_content=immediate

ACADEMIES GENERAL

- All MACS are advised to seek a visit from a **Schools Resource Management Adviser (SRMA)**
- **Income generation in MACs.** with current ‘other income’ of £80k or more, usually from IT advice; H&S; Consultancies; Community Sports, lettings, etc CES
- A free Workshop in London is being provided - The CEO’s morning from hell Practical Risk Management for Schools and Academies (flyer available with more details from TG)
- The DfE and ESFA have updated its **risk protection arrangements** for academy trusts: membership rules guidance.

The RPA has been extended to offer maintained schools cover, however; trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have not approved purchase of RPA for maintained schools so please do not switch insurance providers yet! Further information can be found by clicking on the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-protectionarrangement-rpa-for-academy-trusts-membership-rules?utm_source=9379de73-20384a00-9255-da0b4d5f080a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuknotifications&utm_content=immediate

- There's a new [Academies Financial Handbook for 2019](#) – in force from 1 September 2019
- Some upcoming deadlines for trusts:
 - [Accounts return](#) – Deadline 20 January 2020
 - Academies must determine their **admission arrangements** for entry in September 2021 by 28 Feb 2020. Academies must publish their admissions appeals timetable for 2020 on their website by 28 February 2020.

For further information or advice regarding admissions, please contact Rebecca Tonks at the BDES.

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VA SCHOOLS GENERAL

- The deadline for submitting LCVAP Bids was the end of last term. We are currently processing the bids that have been received (which was heavily oversubscribed) and hope to be in touch with schools in Feb/March to inform you of the outcome of your bids, subject to the DfE confirming the capital allocation for each diocese.
- As the diocese becomes the Responsible body in the new financial year and receives a central capital allocation for VA schools; the Vasis software system will be retired by the DfE. In order to provide financial assurance to the DfE that public money is spent appropriately, we have joined with all other dioceses across England, co-ordinated by the CES to procure a common cloud based capital programme assurance system (CPAS.) All dioceses will use the new system to manage capital programmes it is responsible for which at present includes LCVAP and DFC. More information will be shared with schools in due course.
- **Salix loan** reminder for energy efficiency – simpler before Academy conversion.
- All VA Schools have been contacted by Jane Hatton to advise DFC money which is at risk, where appropriate

FUNDING/GRANT UPDATES

Ashden Trust – Deadline: rolling

The LESS CO2 sustainable schools programme is a free energy efficiency programme available to any UK school including council run, academy or independent schools. More information can be found at: <http://www.lessco2.org.uk/>

Severn Trent Community Fund

From January 2020, the Severn Trent Community Fund will give away £10 million over five years to support local projects, charities and community groups in the Severn Trent region. Funding decisions will be overseen by a panel of Severn Trent water company customers, who will review applications on a quarterly basis. Full eligibility criteria will be released in January 2020, but projects will be funded under three main themes:

- People: Projects that help people to gain new skills or improve their lives
- Places: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use
- Environment: Projects that help to look after the natural environment, improve access to nature or help look after water

In addition to the above, the Severn Trent Community Fund will have a strong interest in projects that have a connection to the water cycle. This could include projects that will create sustainable drainage, install water recycling systems or create water efficient green spaces.

Full details will be available on the company's [website](#) from January 2020.

Greggs Breakfast Club – Deadline: rolling

The Greggs Breakfast Club Programme was established in 1999 to help primary school children get a nutritious start to their school day.

Every school is provided with fresh bread from their nearest Greggs shop, and a grant to support start-up and ongoing costs. The average club costs just £2,000 to set up and run for a year. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs>