

# School Business Manager Network Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> November



# Finance and Buildings Updates

Toni Guest – Deputy  
Director for Schools Capital,  
Finance & Place Planning



# The Diocesan Response to the Climate Emergency

- ▶ Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund - Heat Decarbonisation Plans (HDP's) for Schools & Strategic Energy Management - Phase 2 Bids
  - ▶ Funding secured for the completion of HDP's & Next Steps
  - ▶ [Strategic Energy Management Policy](#)
- ▶ How Schools can help themselves and the environment:
  - ▶ Buy better [Church Market Place](#)
  - ▶ Reduce energy usage [Energy shutdown checklist.](#)
  - ▶ Decarbonise heat
  - ▶ Building fabric improvements to improve the thermal efficiency of buildings



# School Premises Updates

- ▶ Resources for Schools:
  - ▶ [DES Website](#)
  - ▶ [The Woodland Trust](#)
  - ▶ [Department for Education - Sustainability & Climate Change](#)
- ▶ Occupancy of School Premises returns from schools
- ▶ VASCA Capital funding for VA schools - 2022/23
- ▶ HSE inspections - Asbestos Management in schools
- ▶ School Place Planning
- ▶ Early notification....Statutory Compliance Returns Spring 2023!

# Academy update

- ▶ Our Diocesan Vision and Academy Strategy
- ▶ <https://www.bdes.org.uk/vision-and-multi-academy-strategy.html>
- ▶ 144 of our 234 schools within our family of schools or Multi Academy Companies (16) across 13 local authority areas.