

EBDOG Executive Meeting 8th June 2016
Summary of Meeting

- Kieran Holliday from LB of Sutton was welcomed to the Committee
- Regional meetings are generally held twice a year – for further information contact Regional Representative.
- Chair and Vice-Chair meet regularly with Mike Green (EFA) and Patrick Curry (DFE) to discuss policy and current priorities in relation to capital funding, infrastructure and place planning.
- Proposal for a £200million programme of work for expanding and improving Special Schools expected to be announced later this year. LA's will need to have a SEN Strategy in place.
- Benchmarking – discussion on the Benchmarking report published in April 2016 on school infrastructure costs and the need to add information from LA's to keep it up to date. Next data collection Sept 2106.
- LA's have been provided with feedback of EFA Asbestos Survey
- National Audit Office is undertaking a national review of DfE capital spending.
- There will be a repeat of the DfE National Property Data Survey commencing in 2017 to establish impact of capital investment so far.
- Timescales for future funding allocations from DfE likely to be March/April in future
- Free School Programme – discussion on the pro's and con's of 100% Free School approach as LA's being encouraged to support the direct bid Free school route.
- Discussion on the impact of the White Paper and 'U-Turn' as it affects academisation and use of LA capital funds.
- Website needs further review and update. Other forms of communications including social media being investigated.
- Conference in Bury St Edmunds on 9th June – well run and well attended
- Venue/location for next EBD OG Conference in June 2017 to be confirmed shortly.
- Date of next Executive Meeting 28th September 2016.

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