**EBDOG Executive Meeting 15h June 2017**

**Summary of Meeting**

* Peter Colenutt confirmed he is stepping down from the Chair in September. An election was held and Rob Thomas will be the new Cahir person from Sept 2017.
* Beverly Butler confirmed she was stepping down from the Committee with immediate effect – thanks given for input and support
* Regional EBDOG meetings are generally held twice a year – for further information contact Regional Representative.
* Chair and Vice-Chair (two) meet regularly with EFSA and DFE to discuss policy and current priorities in relation to capital funding, infrastructure and place planning. Updates reported back to Committee.
* Concern about Sport England approach to developments on school sites
* Benchmarking – 2017 updating of school capital infrastructure benchmarking data requested.
* General Election has put a temporary hold on any policy review and announcements.
* Free School programme on hold pending review following elections. New bidding round anticipated in the Autumn.
* Increasing concern about possible approach to data collection for and the lack of funding for SEN Specialist provision and new schools. May be a priority in the new Free School programme but not yet confirmed.
* Discussion on the role and workload of the Regional Schools Commissioners office.
* Website needs further review and update – possible change of platform. Other forms of communications including social media also being investigated.
* Next Conference is June 2018 – hosts and venue to be discussed at next meeting.
* Date of next Executive Meeting 22nd September 2017.

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