

## EBDOG & DFE Digital Conference

### Title: Maximising the School Estate- 17 September 2025

| Time    | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lead Officers                                                                          |
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| 9:30am  | Welcome to the conference and overview of the day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Chief Exec<br>Sal Varley and Rob Thomas                                                |
| 9:40am  | Celebrating Children's Services in Coventry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Dr. Julie Nugent, Coventry CEO                                                         |
| 09:50am | Presentation by Conference Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| 09:55am | Capital Funding and Priorities 2025-2029 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spending review outcomes and priorities</li> <li>• Announcement to date and those still to come</li> <li>• Update re Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill</li> <li>• Role of LAs in future delivery</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                        | <b>Education Estates/DfE Central Capital Unit</b>                                      |
| 10:55am | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                        |
| 11:05am | Presentation by Conference Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| 11:10am | Making Best Use of the School Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCA updates and next steps</li> <li>• Condition funding updates and aspirations</li> <li>• Wraparound Care- roll out dates</li> <li>• Early Years- Strategies going forward and requirements for LAs</li> <li>• SEND in mainstream</li> <li>• S77</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>                                                                                               | <b>School Places Capital &amp; Land Policy/Net Capacity Assessment (NCA) programme</b> |
| 12:20pm | Break for Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                        |
| 13:05pm | Presentation by Conference Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| 13:10pm | School Places Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCAP updates, including primary, secondary and SEND demand nationally and overview of formulas that determine allocations</li> <li>• SEND funding and the need for capital schemes if we are to reduce the High Needs revenue gaps</li> <li>• Designing neuro-divergent friendly schools- mainstream and SEND</li> <li>• Case studies of innovative solutions</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> | <b>DfE School Places Capital &amp; Land Policy</b>                                     |

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| 14:20pm | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                      |
| 14:35pm | <p>Working Together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on new buildings requirements</li> <li>• How do we re-purpose surplus accommodation whilst ensuring the future mainstream demands can still be met</li> <li>• MOUs and the SRB and Free School Programmes</li> <li>• Duty to cooperate for place planning with MATs etc, especially where reductions or closures are needed</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> | <b>DfE Capital Delivery, DfE Technical Standards</b> |
| 15:35pm | Summary, thank yous and closing remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | RT and SV                                            |
| 15:50pm | End                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                      |