

School Organisation Forum

NPS South West Limited

Report to School Organisation Forum 21st April 2010

1.0 Update Devon Maintenance Partnership 2008/09 – 2009/10

The Devon Maintenance Partnership 2008/09- 2009/10 came to a close on 31st March 2010. The percentage of schools subscribing was 86% with the total number of subscribing pupils being 46,438

1.1 Financial Position

The following is the anticipated position of the Agreement

	2008/09	2009/10	Total
Income	452,771	417,942	870,713
Expenditure	243,960	261,519	505,479
Fees	139,560	145,902	285,462
Balance	69,521	10,521	80,042

Based on the total balances in 2008/09 and 2009/10. The rebate per pupil is estimated to be £80,042/ 46,438 or £1.72 per pupil.

This figure is **an estimate at this stage and is subject to the closing of all accounts**, both works and fees. It is anticipated the actual figure will not be able to be determined until the Summer 2010. Once known, the figure will be advised to SOF and rebated by DCC to subscribing schools as agreed previously by SOF.

1.2 Service Term Contracts

A summary of the issues regarding Service Term Contracts is;

- Accord Lifts have confirmed to DCC that they wish to terminate their contract for financial reasons but have agreed to continue to provide support for all properties until a new contract can be let.
- The 5 yealy electrical test contract has been awarded to IJ Cannings
- DCC have agreed to extend the kitchen fans and canopies contract by further 8 months (92 service visits) until a new contract can be put in place.
- DCC have agreed to extend the 6 and 12 monthly legionella checks contract by a further 6 months until a new contract can be put in place.
- Beale and Cole have been awarded the Gas Tightness Testing contract for a period of 12 months

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- Tenders for the Lightning Protection risk assessments have been invited, due for return on 10th May 2010

1.3 MUMIS

There are no new MUMIS claims since the last SOF meeting. The list of agreed MUMIS Claims for 2009/10 is

- Sutcombe Primary School – Drainage works - £40,000 (previously reported)
- Parracombe Cof E Primary – Dry Rot - £4,500 (previously reported)
- Holbeton Primary School – Dry Rot - £20,000 (previously reported)
- North Molton Primary School – Boilers - £18,000 (previously reported)
- The Grove Primary School – Heaters - £16,000 (previously reported)
- Bearnas Primary School – Heaters - £5,000 (previously reported)

1.4 Devon Maintenance Partnership 2010 -2015 Agreement

The final list of schools that will join the new Agreement is now known. This list has been established by those who responded and for those who did not respond have been included or excluded based on their previous status in the “old” scheme as agreed with SOF.

The number of non VA, RC or PFI schools **in** the scheme is 257 (86%)

The number of non VA, RC or PFI schools **not in** the scheme is 42 (23 secondary and 19 primary)

Based on the 2008-2010 scheme, 4 additional schools have elected to join the scheme and 3 have elected to not to join.

The annual cost of the scheme £11.40 per pupil based on the numbers of roll as of 1st Jan 2010. Based on the above, this has provided an annual income of £527,740 calculated from 46,293 numbers of pupils. In addition, there is additional income from those schools with natural or LPG gas at the rate of £1.00 per pupil based on the numbers of roll as of 1st Jan 2010.

1.5 VA Promise 4 Scheme

The VAS 4 Promise scheme 2009 to 2012 is in place for Voluntary Aided Schools and 100% of the schools are members. The scheme is charged at £18.00 per pupil per annum and provides income of around £120,000 per annum. The annual charge is uplifted by 4% per annum.

The scheme is managed by NPS and reported to the Diocesan Surveyor on a 3 monthly basis, the last meeting taking place in March 2010

The scheme benefits from the same Service Term Contracts as those used for the Corporate Estate and the Devon Maintenance Partnership scheme.

There are no issues with the scheme.

1.6 Property Contracting Database (PCD)

DCC have been instructed to make clear about the need to check the status of contractors as discussed at the last SOF meeting.

The hourly labour rates on the PCD are reviewed and updated on 1st April each year. The current indices within the Construction Industry has resulted in the labour rates staying the same for all trades on the PCD except for electricians whose rates have increased by around 5%. The PCD has been updated to reflect this.

1.7 Safety Glazing

Background

Regulation 14 of The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 stipulates that from 1 January 1996 a Risk Assessment must be carried out in all workplaces to identify whether the glazing that is installed is safe and requires glass in critical locations to break safely on impact.

Safety film which was installed at the time of release of these regulations is now due for renewal as the warranty for window film installed at the release has expired. Under heavy impact conditions the cracked glass is held together by the film, providing increased protection against injuries from sharp shards of glass

Premises Managers need to ensure glass or glazing within critical locations meets a minimum safety standard when subjected to impact.

Critical locations are defined as glass in doors or side panels that begin from finished floor level up to 1500mm and glass in walls or partitions that begin from finished floor level up to 800mm. However, a high percentage of the glass in school buildings would be considered to be in a critical location and needs to be assessed for safety.

A Glazing Risk Assessment Survey needs to be carried out on all properties and glazing found to be non-compliant will need to have new measures implemented. In order to comply with the regulations there are several different safety glazing materials and various approaches which can be adopted. They may include the application of replacement film, replacing glass with safety glass or providing physical protection.

Current position

Devon County Council have instructed NPS to undertake a desk top exercise including sample glazing surveys of 10 sites which include a range of schools and corporate buildings. The surveys will include a Risk Assessment approach to assist schools and other county buildings in understanding and discharging their responsibilities under Regulation 14.

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Part of the study will be to predict the anticipated costs of both the survey and physical works necessary to comply with Regulation 14.

Further reports on progress will be presented in due course.

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