

Energy efficiency and carbon reduction in Devon Schools

Recommendations

- i) that members approve the arrangements set out in the attached Guidance Leaflet;
- ii) that members approve the expenditure conditionally allocated by DEF.

Background and context

Devon Education Forum and Schools Organisation Forum have on a number of occasions over the last twelve months considered the process for engaging schools in the carbon reduction commitment.

At the Devon Education Forum on 13 January 2010 it was agreed that £100,000 would be allocated to support the auditing of all Devon schools to establish where investment would provide the best returns. This allocation was conditional upon the School Organisation Forum being satisfied with the working arrangements.

Proposals

The rationale for the project and the proposals are described in the Guidance Leaflet.

The budgeted costs for carrying out steps 1,2,3 and 5 of the plan for undertaking the technology specific audits described in the guidance leaflet are estimated at £200,000 for all schools. Approximately half of this sum is required for the analysis of data, tendering, procurement of specialists, analysis of audits, preparation of schemes of work, post installation inspections and final auditing.

The LA has allocated £100,000 towards the necessary work.

The other half of the budget will cover the actual costs of the surveys that will be undertaken by specialist contractors.

Approval from SOF is required before the scheme can commence.

Conclusions

The potential for schools to benefit from the proposals is significant both in terms of having access to data that will be a useful curriculum resource but also in terms of long-term savings on energy expenditure.

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