



School Organisation Committee

AGENDA ITEM 8

Title: Seed Challenge 2004
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Electoral Divisions Affected: All

Summary

The DfES set up the Seed Challenge fund to challenge schools to bring new money into education. It has been financially supported from 2000 to 2004, hence this is the last year.

Buckinghamshire set up a Seed Challenge Panel in 2000 to ensure that allocations were made in an open and transparent way with the panel currently comprising the Cabinet Member for Schools, a headteacher or deputy from a primary, a secondary and a special school, a finance officer, an officer from Property Services, the Group Manager from School Organisation and the Assistant Education Officer from School Organisation.

There were 41 bids from primary schools totalling £1,679,890 worth of projects and 10 bids from secondary schools for £3,045,162 worth of projects. Primary bids can be supported by up to 50% of the total project costs with secondary bids up to 33% of the total project costs. Each bid was carefully considered in terms of its direct relevance to raising educational standards as well as the priority schools themselves determined from the 2003 School Priority Form.

This report summarises the deliberations of the Seed Challenge Panel by providing a list of the successful school bids. The Panel had £564,330 to allocate and bids totalling £1,462,803 were made. Schools were informed of the decision on 2 April 2004.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the report.

Supporting Information

School Name	Seed Challenge Bid (£)	Brief description of project
PRIMARY SCHOOLS		
Ashmead Combined	16,000	Early Years outdoor play area
Aston Clinton	21,000	ICT suite
Broughton Community Infant	6,558	Early Years outdoor play area
Buckingham Primary	57,500	Performing Arts Room
Burford	5,000	ICT suite
Carrington Infant	4,046	Covered way
Carrington Junior	3,000	Art/CDT refurbishment
Chackmore CE	31,632	Classroom extension, library and SEN
Dagnall	29,000	Library/Group area
Danesfield	7,621	Sports court/play area refurbishment
Denham Village Infant	20,000	Classroom extension
Dinton CE	1,500	ICT enlargements and refurbishment
East Claydon	35,000	Foundation Stage classroom extension
Elangeni	20,500	Special Needs Group room
Farnham Common Infant	12,500	Library, offices and sports facilities
Halton Community Combined	22,250	Toilet refurbishment
Hyde Heath Infant	5,250	Early Years outdoor class
John Hampden Infant	20,750	Group Room extension
Lent Rise Combined	23,400	Parent Partnership and Music Room
Little Kingshill Combined	7,782	Foundation Stage Play area
St Mary's CE School	17,000	Admin, staffroom, HT office and partitioning
St Nicholas CE Combined	6,500	Early Years play area
St Paul's CE Combined	5,850	ICT suite and learning resource area
Stoke Mandeville Combined	10,000	Early Years outdoor play area
West Wycombe Combined	10,000	MI, toilet refurbishment and admin improvements
Wingrave CE Combined	8,000	Toilet refurbishments
SECONDARY SCHOOLS		
Aylesbury Grammar	33,223	New drama studio
Chesham Park Community College	15,815	Covered walkways/disabled access
Cottesloe	45,375	Admin and staff improvements
Holmer Green Senior	10,000	Toilet refurbishments
John Hampden Grammar	5,000	Gas guards
Sir Henry Floyd Grammar	47,000	Floodlit tennis courts

Resource implications

None

Legal implications

None

Other implications/issues

Although all the bids could not be supported, some bids were of sufficient merit that School Organisation indicated that it would be willing to support some of the unsuccessful Seed Challenge bids.

Feedback from consultation and Local Member views (if relevant)

N/A

Background Papers

None

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