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Subject: BSF JR Outcome - reconsideration process

Could you please on Monday think about the advice (and draft letter) that we should put to the SoS on the process for reconsidering the schools included in the BSF JR judgement.

We need to prepare a letter to LAs (at official level, I think), which (and this list may not be exhaustive):

- invites them to provide a written assessment of those schools
- requests cost information for the projects (broken down if possible) (and with a clear expectation of greater efficiency than might have been the case previously)
- asks for information on any contractual (or other) commitments to particular work
- asks them to prioritise their projects
- asks for relevant local equalities information (sex, race, disability etc)
- makes clear that these projects are now effectively in a 'for discussion' category and that no action should be taken on them, nor costs incurred
- sets a deadline of 4 weeks for response

This letter needs to be shared in draft with Pfs, in first instance, rather than beyond, I think) and equalities leads (

The covering submission would ideally set out the whole process of reconsideration for the SoS. That will need to cover:

- the timeline - from kick-off letter to communication of outcome
- how we intend to assess the representations - we need to think about who to involve (Pfs? Equalities colleagues? Lawyers? Others?); what criteria/scoring to apply (or indeed if whether to adopt formal criteria....pros and cons would be good)
- what we need to do to ensure our equalities considerations are sufficiently rigorous (recently, and should be able to help here too)

I don't think that this submission needs to go into the issue of sources of capital as that will be covered in Friday's submission on the full span of capital pressures.

If you could have a draft submission and a draft letter ready to discuss with Jane on Tuesday that would be great. I'll see if I can find a time for you to discuss.

We should aim to get this up to the SoS during the course of the week. A letter out on Friday would be good going.

Thanks

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