



## BSF Learning Partnership Update Report Issued Wednesday 04 November 2009

### *Appointing Our BSF 'Selected Bidder'*

We wanted to update everyone today on the formal outcome of the BSF procurement process and the appointment of **ESTEEM** as our Selected BSF Partner. We would like to offer our many thanks to you all for your positive support and crucial role over the last three years in assisting us to get to this wonderful, positive milestone. We believe the 'Selected Bidder Announcement Event' today went well and was a fitting introduction to Esteem as our new partners. As well as the organisation from the BSF Communications Team, this was largely down to the way Winifred Holtby School hosted the event. We're certain that you all join us in passing on our thanks to Steve Liddle, his staff and the students at Winifred Holtby who so kindly and so professionally dealt with today's proceedings – and on a day when Ofsted unexpectedly arrived! We have already received many comments on just how extremely welcoming the school were and in particular how polite, responsive and capable the students were in receiving and dealing with visitors. Once again they did themselves, the school and the city very proud!

### *The Next Phase*

Today marks the point of a new era for BSF in Hull where we have our new private sector partners working alongside us and able to offer their resources and expertise in the delivery of our far-reaching programme. They will therefore start to become available with the BSF team and Learning, Leisure and Achievement staff to input into targeted discussions and help us gain greater clarity on the many aspects of their partnering services that will be available to us. At the same time they will be working with BSF to ensure we reach 'Financial Close' (targeted for the end of January 2010), where we sign-up the commercial contracts and form the Public Private Sector Company. This is a notoriously difficult and time consuming phase for all involved and despite the progress we will be now making with the phase one schools, it will once again tie-up a lot of our team resources until we achieve Financial Close. It is at this point that Esteem will go on site for the two sample schemes (Archbishop Sentamu Academy and Winifred Holtby/Tweedykes) and start building.

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## *Learning Partnership Events*

Over recent months we have started to target the Learning Partnership Events and the agendas to specific topics and audiences, just inviting those people with a clear interest in the agenda items. We believe this approach ensures that each event is as effective as possible whilst hopefully attracting the best attendance we can, something we know you value given how busy most people are.

We therefore intend to continue with this approach and for the next event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November and all future events we will issue invites and agendas to the relevant Learning Partnership members so that discussions can be more focused and the outcomes more robust. If you therefore do not receive an invite you can assume we believe the event is not the best one for you to be at, although for many of you (Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors in particular), your attendance at each event will continue to be crucial.

We will monitor this approach as we progress to ensure it continues to be effective and are happy to receive any feedback you may have on whether we are getting this right.

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