Committee(s):		Date(s):
Board of Governors of th	e City of London School	Thursday 3 October 2013
Subject: Update on Assistant Prop City of London School	perty Facilities Manager role a	Public
Report of:		For Information
City Surveyor	(CS 332/13)	

## Summary

This report provides Members with an update on the Assistant Property Facilities Manager (APFM) role across the 3 City of London Schools.

The City Surveyor has met with the Chairmen of the City of London School (COLS) and the City of London School for Girls (COLSG). There is now a clearer understanding of the schools' concerns with regard to the funding of the APFM role, and the City Surveyor is currently in discussion with the Chamberlain to confirm a way forward. A further report will be presented to the Board of Governors in due course to update Members about funding and all APFM roles across the whole operational property portfolio when these discussions have been concluded.

# Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

Note the contents of this report.

#### **Main Report**

### **Background**

- The report to the Board of Governors on 26 June 2013 recommended each of the 3 schools to part-fund the APFM role. The Freemen's School have approved the expenditure for their contribution to the Schools APFM role. However, queries were raised by the other two schools as to why this funding was being sought from school local risk budgets when savings had been made centrally from the BRM procurement exercise.
- 2. On 21 August 2013 the City Surveyor met with the Chairmen of the COLS and COLSG to discuss the City's new Facilities Management operating model, the

necessary changes to the City Surveyor's Department structure that have already occurred and how further efficiencies in FM service delivery will be explored. The discussion also reviewed the funding for the APFM role for the 3 schools and whether this should be from the school local risk budgets or be centrally funded from procurement savings.

#### **Current Position**

3. The City Surveyor is currently discussing the APFM role funding with the Chamberlain and a further report will be issued in due course.

### Conclusion

4. A future report will address the funding of the Schools APFM role. The confirmation of the permanent Facilities Management structure will further support the Corporation, and individual departments, to progress from a predominantly locally served departmental approach to the more corporate and consolidated maintenance approach across all properties, so creating greater economies of scale, resilience, consistency of standards and further efficiencies.

## **Background Papers:**

Appendix 1 - Notes on the APFM Role for the 3 Schools. Report to Board of Governors of the City of London School, Wednesday, 26 June 2013.

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