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Board of Governors of the City of London School for G	irls 08 October 2013
Subject: Update on Assistant Property Facilities Manager role a City of London School for Girls	Public
Report of:	For Information
City Surveyor (CS 345/13)	

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

- 1. The City Surveyor's briefing note to Members detailing the rationale for, and the funding of, the APFM role for the 3 City of London Schools was discussed at the Board of Governors meeting on 21 June 2013. The Chairman raised a query as to why funding was being sought from school local risk budgets when savings had been made centrally from the BRM procurement exercise, and requested that the City Surveyor look into this further. The Freemen's School have approved the expenditure for their contribution to the Schools APFM role.
- 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:

ANNEX C - Notes on the APFM Role for the 3 Schools. Report to Board of Governors of the City of London School, 21 June 2013.

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