



24 November 2011

To All Diocesan Headteachers & Chair of Governors

### **Projects for LCVAP & DFC 2012-13**

There is still no announcement regarding DFC [Devolved Formula Capital] or LCVAP (Locally Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme) available for 2012 - 2013. However, we are hopeful that an announcement will be made by the end of December 2011 indicating a level similar to this year. LCVAP funding is co-ordinated with the Local Authority, the Anglican Dioceses and RC Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, and is for ALL VA schools.

The key priorities for DFC and LCVAP will be;

- Emergency issues (boilers, roof repairs etc.)
- Support for larger capital projects
- Safeguarding and health & safety issues
- Asset Management Plan Priority 1 condition issues
- Accessibility & DDA compliance priorities
- High priority suitability issues

I would be grateful for any information from schools on ALL projects, which are planned, using school's DFC and bids for projects which will need additional funding from LCVAP. Where appropriate these should be linked to the school's Asset Management Plan and suitability survey as well as any accessibility or DDA surveys. Could you please complete a separate Capital Project Form for each project. It is important for us to have information on all planned projects (even if no additional LCVAP funding is required) because if additional funding becomes available we are able to work very quickly to ensure we do not lose it.

LCVAP must be spent within the financial year in which it is allocated, whereas DFC can be rolled forward for a three year period. We request forms for all projects (including those which would only require DFC) as in some cases we can fund such a project with LCVAP and then use the DFC instead for another project elsewhere that requires longer term funding.

The Diocesan Trustees are the owners of the buildings of all but one VA Catholic school in the Diocese. As such their permission must be obtained before any alteration work can be approved – even if this will be funded completely through DFC, or an alternative source.

Could you please include guideline costs including VAT and fees (using the services of one of the diocesan recommended consultants) for each project. No final decisions on allocations will be made before early March and final allocations linked to priorities will be communicated then.

Guidance on VA Capital and how to apply for projects is attached. The guidance document and form will also be available on the Diocesan Spirituality, Formation and Education Service website from next week.

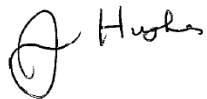
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Please do not hesitate to contact Eileen Morrison or myself if you have any queries.

We would be grateful if completed forms could be **returned by Friday 9 December 2011**.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'J' followed by the name 'Hughes' in a cursive script.

Joe Hughes  
Director