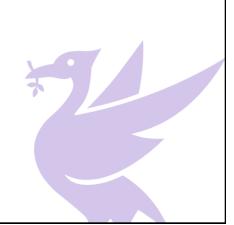
# Termly Briefing for Chairs of School Governing Boards

Mike McSorley
Acting Director of Education and Inclusion

**22 February 2024** 



- Ofsted Monitoring Visit
- Home to School Transport Consultation
- Schools Funding 2024/5
- Attendance Work
- SIL
- Term time staff pay
- Schools Parliament
- SEND



### **DfE updates**

- · Education staff wellbeing and teacher retention
- Workload reduction taskforce: initial recommendations
- Education staff wellbeing charter
- Measures announced to boost teacher recruitment and retention
- Primary school accountability
- Mobile Phones
- Behaviour in Schools

### **Ofsted Updates**

Update to the School Inspection Handbook



# Schools Energy and Sustainability update

Simon Mansfield, Sustainability Manager 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

#### **Schools Energy Contracts**



- 2023/24 First year of Fixed Rate:
  - 35.6p/kWh Electricity\*
  - 10p/kWh gas\*
- 2024/ 25 Forecast rates (Feb 23) (rates to be finalised late March):
  - 25p/kWh Electricity\*
  - 5.6p/kWh gas\*
- \* Fully Delivered rates but may vary slightly for high capacity/ voltage sites

- 25/26 Energy Contract Cabinet Report (Feb 24) recommends:
  - Remain on CCS Contract for 25/26 on stable, fixed price 12m contract
  - Reviewing all relevant Public Sector Purchasing Frameworks for 26/27 for best value and highest added value
  - · Reviewing contract length
  - Buying Green Electricity with REGOs (Guarantees of Origin) to account for zero carbon electricity (in place for 23/24 and 24/25)

## Schools energy contracts: opt out/in



- Schools and Fire Service have historically been part of LCC Energy Contracts
- LCC is happy to include partner organisations to provide support in technically complex market
- LCC uses schools energy data to assess issues, verify bills and monitor Net Zero Liverpool progress

- Schools are free to opt in or out of LCC Energy Contracts
- Fixed Rate contracts require all of our sites to be locked into a 12 month pre contract purchasing period (CCS and Suppliers EDF & Total)
- Any Schools wishing to Opt out of 25/26 contracts must notify LCC Sustainability Team by 10<sup>th</sup> March 24

# Energy Efficiency, verification and Net Zero



- Sustainability Team has received an internal budget, allowing:
  - · Team expansion
  - Energy Bill Verification and Bureau Service to verify and address Energy Bills in real time – expected April 24
  - Wider roll out of Automatic Meters (AMRs) to eradicate estimates
  - Provision of simple Energy and Net Zero data reports & benchmarking to schools
  - Decarbonisation planning across LCC property stock (phase 1), with plans to pick up Schools in phase 2
  - Schools will now be selected for LCSF funding (City Region collaboration) with 12 shortlisted each year for Heat Decarbonisation Plans & Capital grants (based on highest use & poorest energy performance)

- Sustainability Team has received £3.5M Dept for Energy Security & Net Zero funding to plan for City Scale Net Zero delivery:
  - · Domestic Retrofit, whole city
  - District Heat Network Planning to displace gas use for all sectors
  - Public Sector Engagement plan to share, support and mentor Schools & Public Sector Net Zero planning, action and investment
  - City level Electric Vehicle charging point full rollout strategy
  - Partnership with Power Grid Network Operator (DNO) to plan for change in electricity loads expected by new tech

