

ICT in the BSF Programme

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Objective:

- To explain and explore issues surrounding ICT in BSF

Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

- Launched formally in 2004
- 15-year programme of strategic capital investment in England's secondary schools
- Currently around £2.5 billion per year
- Covers buildings and ICT
- 3500 secondary schools

BSF and Education Transformation



- A catalyst for change
- Education vision is key
- Not just about buildings



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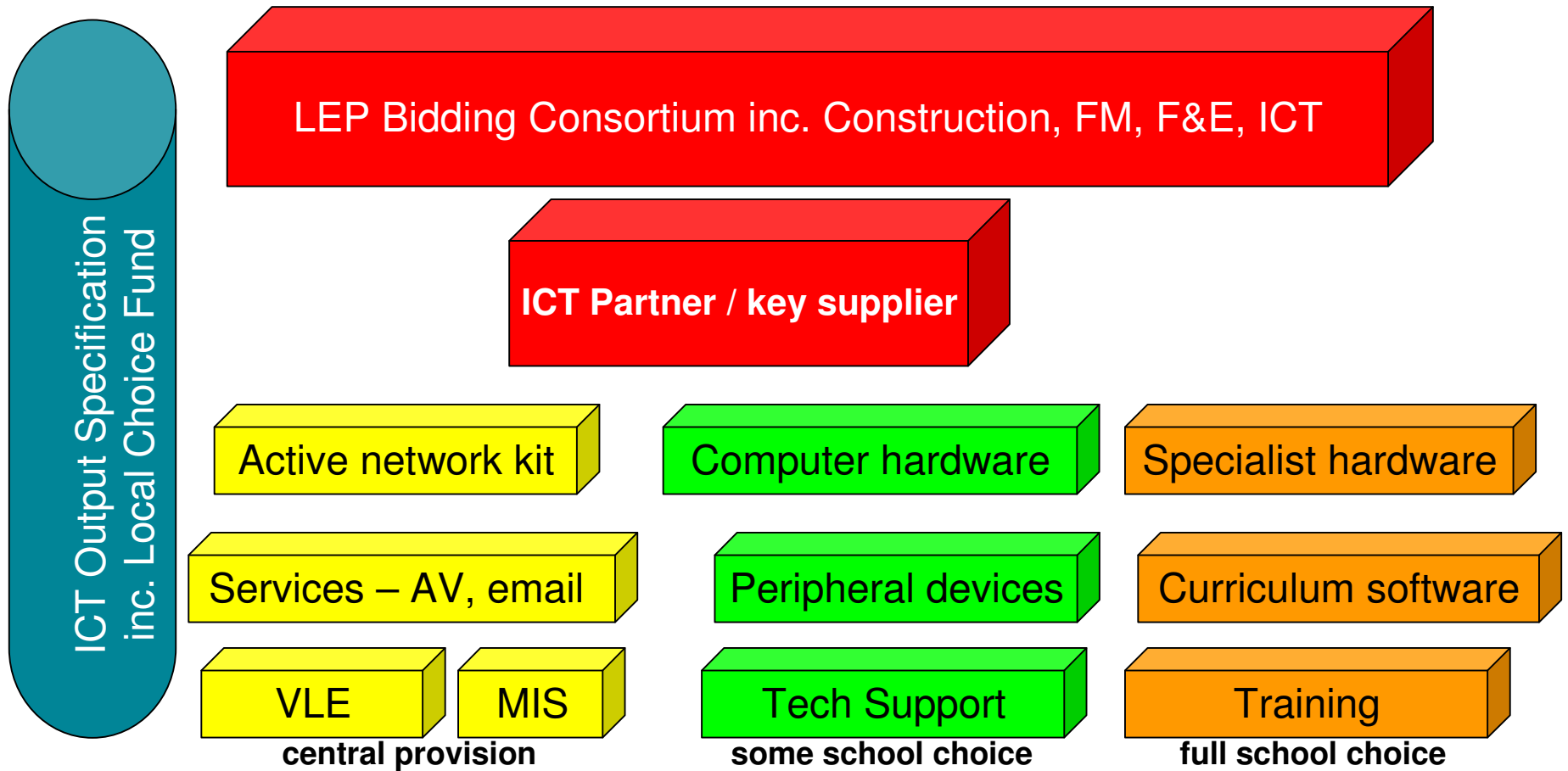
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The ICT Supply Chain – how it works



Some principles – a reminder

- BSF funding goes to the Local Education Partnership (LEP) and/or local authority; not to individual school budgets.
- The emphasis is on area-wide, collaborative ICT solutions.
- The LEP will offer schools a managed service to support their ICT infrastructure and equipment. Schools will have some choice over equipment and content but will also have to engage in joint procurement through the LEP to ensure value for money.

What is a Managed Service?

Single contract designed to deliver all ICT systems and services.
This comprises provision of and support for:

- ✓ Learning Platform including MIS, VLE and learning content
- ✓ Wide area network – linking to LGFL broadband service
- ✓ Institutional infrastructure (School LAN)
- ✓ All users' equipment: access devices; peripherals, etc.
- ✓ Network services: user account management; e-mail; back-up; virus protection; Internet filtering and/or monitoring; curriculum software servers; video-conferencing; etc

And.....

- ✓ Anywhere, anytime access for all users
- ✓ Integration of legacy hardware and software
- ✓ Change management: operational training; pedagogical training
- ✓ ICT for school administration
- ✓ Helpdesk
- ✓ Technical support
- ✓ Refresh and sustainability
- ✓ Local choice

ICT Managed Service - Concerns

- Potential loss of personalised service and immediacy of response
- Continuity of support personnel
- Quality of support
- Loss of control of systems
- Fear that contract could impact negatively on innovation and development
- Some support will be on-site but some may be remote
- Loss of individuality and restriction of suppliers
- All the eggs in one basket!
- “that’s not my job”

Benefits of ICT Managed Service

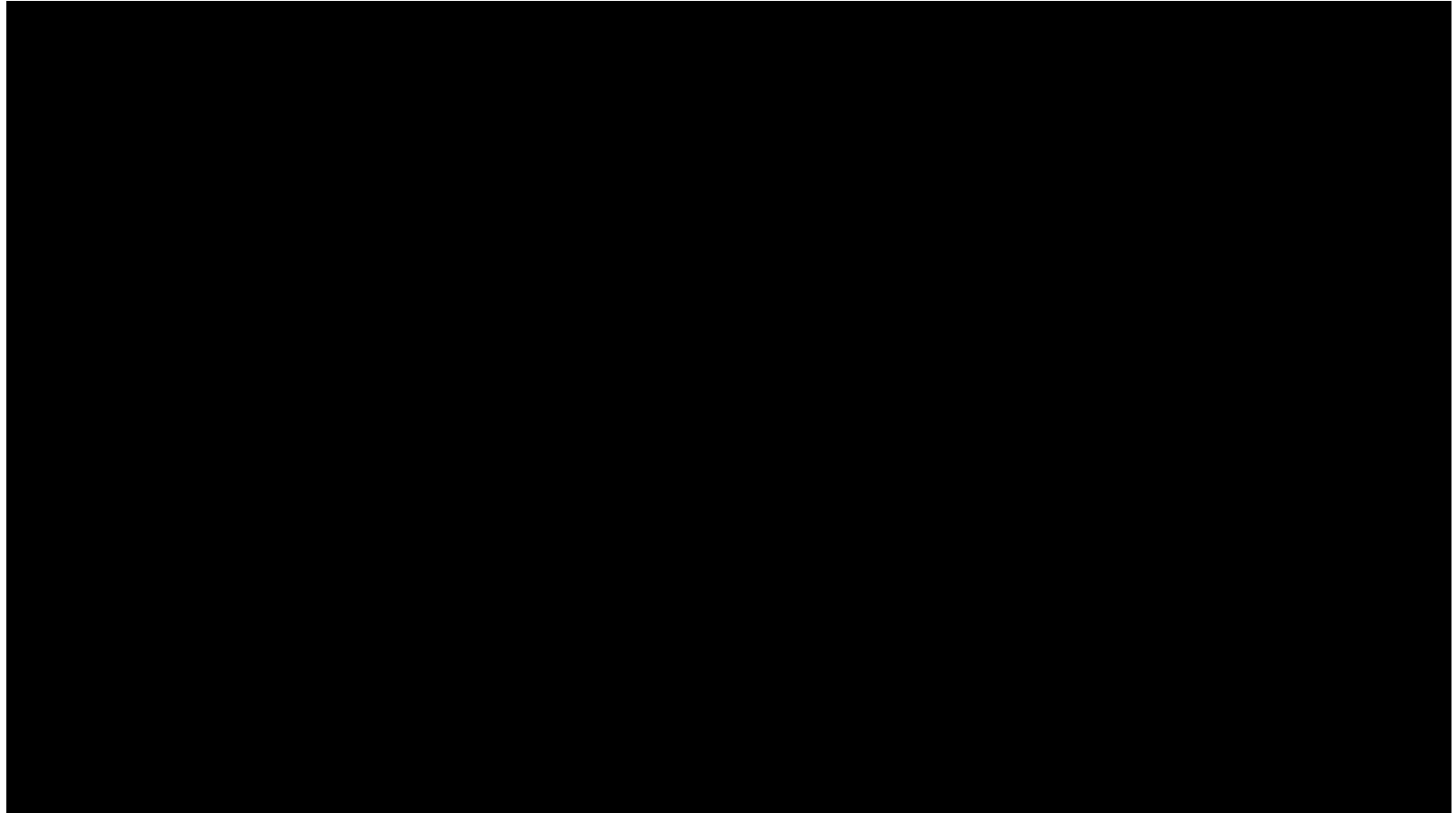
- Making the most of the potential of ICT
- Reliable infrastructure
- Economies of scale
- Help Desk
- Sharing skills/expertise - how do we know that the current technical provision is providing up-to-date quality support?
- Common platforms across the LA
- Reliable service

Further benefits of a Managed Service

- Staff who are transferred under TUPE could find themselves with greater opportunity for future career development as opposed to direct employment by the LA's schools
- Objective performance monitoring, with consistent benchmarks
- An experienced and competent ICT provider would have the ability to advise over time on issues of legislation and market changes
- The ICT managed service provider would take all the financial and interface risks
- Cost over-runs would be the ICT service provider's risk

Cost

- BSF Capital to LA
- Ongoing revenue cost from schools
- Refresh accumulated from revenue



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BSF Road Map

- Pre-engagement- Readiness to Deliver
- Strategy for Change (SfC) Part 1 – The What
- SfC Part 2 – The How
- Outline Business Case – The Detail
- Procurement
- Service Delivery

School Engagement

- Ensure the managed service meets learner need
- Strategic not technical
- SLT involvement key