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the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' *Project*

Playing our part in the ongoing story of St. Mildred's



Update June 18th

Since the last update, the BIG 'Our Church' Project team have been working on the DAC response, and examining our funding.

To address the DAC comments, we have worked with our Lighting Designer to complete visuals of the new lights, and also further examined the issue of our ceiling pattern staining. Our original application stated that resolving the staining issue was beyond our means, and the DAC have asked for justification. We are discussing this further with our environmental advisors, and these discussions will form our response. The DAC submission is due on the 27th June for their July 2017 meeting.

Unfortunately we heard just over a week ago that we were not successful in securing funding from Veolia. This is disappointing, but we still do have substantial applications with Viridor and the Arts Council who we should hear from in July and October respectively. DAC approval is key to unlocking quite a number of other external funds, and we will apply to these as soon as we receive approval.

The next few months will be quieter on the project as we wait for DAC approval and for results from our funding applications. I will keep you updated when we have news, and as we work towards the decision to place a contract in late October, and starting works early next year. Please continue to pray for the project team, and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Update July 16th

Since last month, the BIG 'Our Church' Project team have continued to work on the DAC response and our external fundraising. Of course, the amazing news Roger announced last Sunday was that we have been awarded a grant of £61,300 from Viridor Credits Environmental Company. There are some fees and some cost matching to come out of that, but it is a fantastic boost for our fundraising efforts, and my thanks go to the team.

Following some additional work with our consultants, we re-submitted our design pack for DAC approval, and this was discussed on Tuesday 11th July. We should hear within the next two weeks, and approval would then permit the next set of external fundraising applications. Our Arts Council application is ongoing and we should hear the decision on this in October. Please continue to pray for the project team, and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Update July 23rd

As you may know, the BIG 'Our Church' Project has had some really great news for two weeks running now. A fortnight ago, we heard we have been awarded a substantial grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company, and then last Sunday Roger was able to announce that the DAC had agreed to recommend the project. They commented that they were grateful to us and our architects for responding conscientiously and positively to the Committee's requests.

We now press ahead with the additional fundraising that this recommendation can unlock, and proceed with the legal part of the faculty process. I will update you as and when we have more news to share, but as always let us know if you have any questions or comments.