TUESDAY'S TOP TIP

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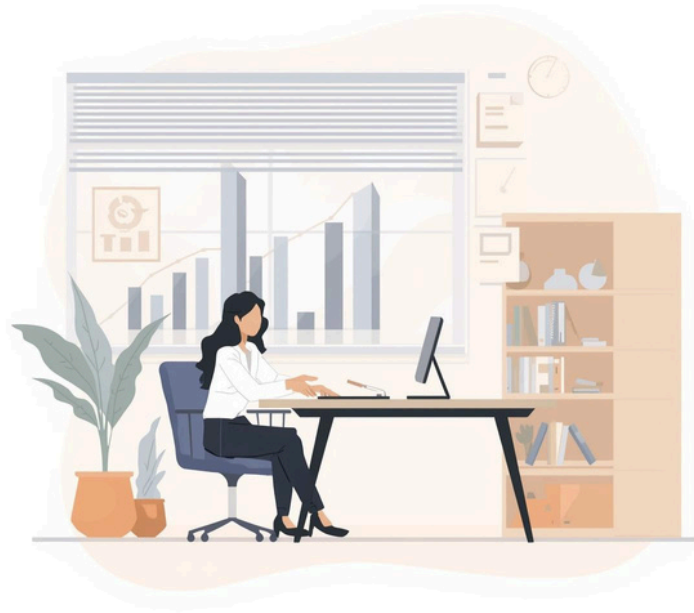

Review Capital Projects in Line with Estates Strategy

Why?

Strategic Planning

- Ensure capital investment aligns with long-term priorities
- Avoid reactive or unplanned expenditure

Value for Money

- Prioritise projects based on need and impact
- Monitor budgets and project delivery

Useful Resources

- DfE Good Estate Management for Schools (GEMS)
- Condition Data Collection (CDC) guidance
- Salix finance and sustainability funding
- DfE capital funding guidance

Benefit

Aligning capital projects with the estates strategy ensures that investment decisions are purposeful, prioritised, and support long-term sustainability. This reduces the risk of unplanned spend and ensures funding is directed to the areas of greatest need.

A structured approach also improves financial control over high-value projects, ensuring costs are managed effectively and outcomes are delivered as expected. This supports better asset management, strengthens strategic planning, and demonstrates responsible stewardship of public funds.

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