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Making UK school buildings energy efficient and fit for the future is a win-win, according to a new report published by the TUC.

A fifth of all Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding to date (£335 million) has benefited schools, showing huge demand from schools to improve energy efficiency. But the funding available through PSDS still falls far short of what's needed.

Schools typically need between £300,000 and £700,000 in repairs (based on data for England). And more than 80% of schools still have deadly asbestos present in buildings, much of which could be safely removed while retrofitting for energy efficiency.

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In appointments, Robert (Rab) Fletcher has been elected to serve as President of the Building Engineering Services Association (BESA) for 2022/23. He succeeds Neil Brackenridge who served a two-year term to help steer BESA through the pandemic.

In his address to the BESA Annual General Meeting in London, Fletcher said he was delighted to be the latest in a long line of presidents from a devolved nation further strengthening BESA's unique position as

the only built environment trade body representing all four UK countries.

Elsewhere, Stan Mitchell is to step down as chair of the British Standards Institution's (BSI) Facilities Management Standards Committee having set up and served on it for nearly twenty years.

The former BIFM Chair was also the founding chair of the International Standards Organisation's ISO TC 267 Facility Management committee, which, on his watch, oversaw the ISO 41000 series of international Facility Management standards through its development, introduction and expansion.

Mitchell, who will leave the committee in the hands of his successor, Nick Blake, says having IWFM's ongoing connection to standards development is crucial.

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The past 12 months have been a great success for Pareto FM, who achieved a management buyout in March 2021 and significant organic growth at the end of their seventh year of trading.

Now on course for 75% organic growth in FY8 to September 2022, Pareto will see their annual turnover surpass the £30m mark for the first time.

This growth and investment have allowed them to add five new roles to their Senior Team and today they also launch a new brand identity for the company. The new brand re-positions Pareto's stance in the facilities management sector as market leader in social value and relationship-based facilities management delivery. This new identity builds on eight years of consistent organic growth and identifies Pareto as one of the core facilities service providers within the market. Pareto continue to change the face of facilities management.

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