

Note of the 2013 July SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE Committee held on 12 July 2013.

Resourcing school science

The Committee heard an update from the working group leading the project to implement and disseminate the SCORE Resourcing School Science report recommendations. The working group is prioritising key groups and organisations with whom to communicate the recommendations and collaborate with in making an effective impact.

National Curriculum key stage 1-3

The Committee discussed the final SCORE response to the review of the National Curriculum programmes of study for key stages 1-3. It was agreed that a response would comprise a letter from the SCORE Chair, a whole-SCORE overview of the consultation response, and subject-specific comments from individual SCORE member organisations. This would build on all previous submissions to the Department of Education on this topic.

SCORE Annual Conference 2014

The SCORE Committee decided on the aims and outcomes for a SCORE conference in 2014. They discussed the possible themes that the conference could address and formats in which to conduct the conference. A working group of Committee members was set up in order to take forward the planning and organising of the conference.

SCORE project: Curriculum choice in the sciences

A Committee working group has been established to begin a new SCORE project based on previous and current SCORE research into content provision and expectations at key stage 4. The project will commence with a discrete data collection exercise looking at current science routes and options for pupils at key stage levels 3-5 and the proportion of pupils following these routes. Further information is expected in the autumn.

Teacher training and Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE)

The Committee received a visitor from the National College of Teaching and Leadership in order to discuss SCORE concerns and questions on current recruitment figures for Initial Teacher Training (ITT) places, and plans to alter the ITT and SKE systems further. The impact of change on long-term recruitment was the main topic of discussion.

The next SCORE Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 September.