

Note of the 2013 September SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE Committee held on 18 September 2013.

Accountability consultations

It was noted that SCORE would be responding to both the primary assessment and accountability and 16-19 accountability consultations, both from the Department for Education.

A-level reform

It was noted that SCORE had published a [press statement](#) on A-level reform, following Ofqual's publication of the report by Professor Mark Smith on A-level content.

SCORE strategy

The Committee continued discussions surrounding the reconsideration and renewal of SCORE strategy and partnership. A timeline was agreed for decision making and process, and a deadline of December 2013 was set for agreement of the new SCORE strategy.

Resourcing School Science

The Committee received an update on the continued activities arising from the SCORE Resourcing School Science reports and recommendations. The project working group were exploring the need for further research and data surveys into the resourcing of practical work in schools. The working group was also keen to seek ways in which to measure the impact of the SCORE benchmark tools in schools, for example by conducting further research in the future. The working group was also collaborating with other science education organisations in order to create coherent communications to schools on the value of practical work. In addition, the working group was considering ways in which to work with Ofsted to ensure that the benchmarks were used in schools.

SCORE Annual Conference 2014

The theme and format of the conference have been decided and were confirmed at the Committee meeting. The Committee considered speakers to invite and discussed the ideal arrangement for interesting and engaging presentations and workshops.

SCORE project: Curriculum choice in the sciences

The Committee discussed the SCORE approach to a project on curriculum choice in the sciences at key stage 4. The Committee have agreed to hold a seminar of invited guests to share and discuss routes available in the sciences at key stage 4 and motivations behind the choices made at this level.

The next SCORE Committee meeting will be held on Friday 25 October.