

Note of the 2013 October SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE Committee held on 25 October 2013.

Key stage 4 project

The Committee furthered plans for a SCORE seminar happening in January 2014 that would bring together a selection of researchers to discuss findings on science education at key stage 4.

A-level reform

The Committee discussed ways in which SCORE could best influence and advise the Department for Education and Ofqual on A-level reform. It was agreed that SCORE would respond to both forthcoming consultations on regulation and assessment, and subject-content in A-levels; but that further discussion was needed to decide how best to approach these responses effectively within the short timescale given to respond. The Committee also considered ways in which to focus on assessment of practical work in science, in particular the possibility of working with partners on developing ideas on best practice in assessment.

The Royal Society Vision for STEM education

The Committee were updated on the progress of the Royal Society project on a vision for STEM education in thirty years' time.

SCORE strategy

The Committee discussed the plan of work for 2014 to 2015 and ways in which to embed the new SCORE strategy in the direction of SCORE ongoing activities and projects. This included a discussion of ways in which to engage more effectively with a broader range of stakeholders in the political landscape.

Horizon-scanning meeting

The Committee discussed a meeting at which SCORE would be convening main organisations in the science and science education policy sectors to consider the political landscape and education. The Committee explored topics to include in the agenda and ways in which to ensure that meeting outcomes would be progressed and developed.

Resourcing School Science

The Committee received an update on the working group's activities, including the completion of a set of joint letters from partners in science education, to be sent to schools across the country highlighting the value of practical work. In addition, it was confirmed that the working group would be meeting Ofsted in order to consider the best ways in which to embed the Resourcing School Science recommendations in school systems.

The next SCORE Committee meeting will be held on Friday 13 December.