

Note of the 2013 December SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE Committee held on 13 December 2013.

A-level reform

The Committee discussed the process of setting up subject-specialist curriculum committees through the Institute of Physics, Society of Biology and Royal Society of Chemistry. It was agreed that each curriculum committee would contain cross-representation from across the sciences in order to ensure collaborative action.

The Committee went on to consider the implications of A-level reform proposals on mathematical requirements and coherence across the science subjects and mathematics. It was agreed that SCORE would make a strong case for improved quality and higher order level mathematics in the science A-levels. It was also noted that a stronger case needed to be made to Ofqual regarding robust consultation with higher education institutions, particularly heads of science.

Key stage 4 project

The Committee received an update on the research-sharing seminar planned for 24 January.

The Royal Society Vision for STEM education

The Committee were updated on the Royal Society project on a thirty-year vision for STEM education.

SCORE strategy

The Committee discussed ways in which to use the SCORE budget to take forward the newly created strategy for 2014.

Resourcing School Science

The Committee welcomed the recommendations contained in the Ofsted report *Maintaining Curiosity*. It was noted that the report highlighted a SCORE priority that good resourcing was essential to outstanding practical work in science.

The next SCORE Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 January.