

Note of the 2011 October SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on 13 October 2011.

Responses

SCORE has submitted responses to the following consultations:

- The Education Select Committee inquiry on [Attracting, Training and Retaining the best teachers](#).

SCORE will submit a response to the following consultations:

- The Ofqual consultation on [GCSE Reform](#).
- The Education Select Committee inquiry on [How examinations for 15-19 year olds in England should be run](#).
- The Department for Education consultation on [16-19 Funding formula review](#).
- The Department for Education consultation on [Vocational study programmes for 16-19 year olds](#).

Ministerial STEM meeting

SCORE Chair Graham Hutchings attended the first Ministerial STEM meeting on Tuesday 20 September with the Minister of State for Universities and Science David Willetts and the Schools Minister Nick Gibb. The agenda focused on the National Curriculum Review, qualifications developments and school workforce reforms.

Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology (CST)

SCORE was invited to attend the [Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology](#) (CST) on Wednesday 21 September to help inform the Council's discussion on improving science teaching.

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)

Stephen Axford from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) attended the October SCORE meeting to provide an update on the department's activities in relation to 5-19 science education.

Resourcing School Science

SCORE's major project for 2011/2012 is Resourcing School Science which aims to first establish a set of standards for resourcing practical work in the sciences at 5-19. The next stage of the project will gather evidence on how schools in England currently resource practical work, using the agreed standards as an indicator and more exploratory questions. On Monday 3 October SCORE held a stakeholder workshop to help inform the project.

Scientific Enquiry in the National Curriculum

SCORE held a stakeholder event on Monday 19 September to gather consensus on the place and content of scientific enquiry in the National Curriculum. A summary of the meeting will be available shortly.

Secretariat update

SCORE is recruiting for an Assistant Manager to join the secretariat. The deadline for applications is Monday 21 November 2011. Further details are available [here](#).