

Department for Education Board Meeting

16 June 2022, 13:00 – 14.45

Permanent Secretary's Board Room, DfE London and Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Minister Donelan, Rt Hon MP

Richard Pennycook
Ian Ferguson
Toby Peyton-Jones
Susan Acland-Hood
Iain King
Indra Morris
Julia Kinniburgh
Tony Foot

Title

Minister of State for Higher and Further Education (Minister for the Board, deputy Chair)
Lead Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Permanent Secretary
Interim Chief Operating Officer
Director General, Families
Director General, Strategy
Strategic Finance Director

Presenters

Tillie Paul
Julia Yong

Andrew Rodgers
Suzanne Lunn
Hannah Smith
Simon Bailey

Sinead O'Sullivan

Keith Smith
Joe Billington

Title

Head of Performance Transformation
Deputy Director, Performance and Major Projects
Performance Division
Director, Children's Social Care
Deputy Director, Children's Social Care
Independent Panel Member, National Panel Review
Director, Labour Market Skills and Funding Directorate
Director, Post-16 Skills and Strategy
Deputy Director, Levelling Up

Other Attendees

Laura Hoskins
Anna Haynes

Title

Board Secretary
Board Secretariat

Apologies

Nadhim Zahawi, Rt Hon MP

Title

Secretary of State for Education

1. INTRODUCTION, MINUTES AND ACTION TRACKER

1.1 The Minister for the Board welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies from the Secretary of the State.

1.2 The minutes and the action tracker from the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.

1.3 Ian Ferguson declared an interest in the National Panel Review due to his wife being a member of the Panel.

2. NATIONAL PANEL REVIEW

2.1 The Board received an update from Simon Bailey, an Independent National Panel member, and representatives from the Family Group on the findings of the National Panel Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson.

2.2 The Board discussed the recommendations and findings for national government and local safeguarding partners to protect children at risk of serious harm.

2.3 The Board noted that the recommendations required a cross-government response and highlighted the importance of communication throughout this multi-agency work.

3. PERFORMANCE METRICS

3.1 The Board received an update on the Department's performance against the ministerial priorities of Skills, Schools, and Families. This included an update on the performance metrics and targets ahead of Quarter 1 2022/23 reporting.

3.2 The Board discussed the most recent Performance and Risk Committee in relation to the 2022/23 performance metrics and prioritisation for developing metrics/targets.

3.3 The Board noted the importance of inputting the latest data into key performance indicators and welcomed the new interactive performance dashboard.

4. LEVELLING UP: DEVOLUTION OF SKILLS

4.1 The Board received an update from representatives from the Skills Group for the plan for devolution of the skills agenda and considered elements that are centrally led and those that may be devolved.

4.2 The Board discussed organisations the Department can learn from in tackling the issues raised through devolution.

5. AOB

5.1 The Board received the subcommittee update.

5.2 The Board noted it was the last Board meeting of Ian Ferguson and thanked him for his time as a Non-executive Director.

5.3 No others business was raised by members.

5.4 The meeting closed.