



Record of meeting

South West sub-region A (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) sub-regional improvement board

4 May 2018

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

Paul Jones	Head Teacher Board Member, South West (Chair)
Sue Rogers	Bristol City Council
Richard Hanks	Bristol City Council
Helean Hughes	South Gloucestershire Council
Cherry Hawker	South Gloucestershire Council
Margaret Simmons-Bird	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Tom Morrison	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Neal Chislett	Somerset County Council
Annette Perrington	Somerset County Council
Gail Webb	North Somerset Council
Helen Fenn	Diocese of Bath and Wells
Lisa Paniccia-Brown	Diocese of Clifton
Liz Townend	Diocese of Bristol
Rachel Howie	Diocese of Gloucester

Invited representatives

Tony Bloxham	Regional Teaching School Lead
Mike Bettles	Regional Teaching School Lead
Geoff Mountjoy	National Governance Association

DfE officials in attendance included

Sam Lusardi, Nicole Berry

Apologies

Simon Cowley	Teaching Schools Council
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Discussion points

Sub-regional improvement board members were reminded of the confidentiality of the papers and discussion at the meeting and that they must declare any actual or potential interests that might impact upon their impartiality in the review and prioritisation of applications. Conflicts of interest were dealt with in line with the published terms of reference.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) round 3

An overview was provided of SSIF round 3 applications. Sub-regional improvement board members considered the applications and fed in their views on:

1. the fit of the proposal with the identified sub-regional priorities, including whether the schools selected were those that would most benefit from the support; and
2. whether the applicant and specified providers have the capacity and capability to successfully deliver the activity such that it delivers the desired outcomes.

The views in the meeting on round 3 applications were broadly in support of the applications submitted; on the whole, the applications were viewed as thoughtful and collaborative.

All of the applications met the sub-regional priorities and targeted appropriate schools for intervention. Consideration was given to the proposed providers' capacity, capability and track record in delivering improvement support similar to that proposed in the applications. All of these points were then fed into the Department's assessment of each application.

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South West sub-region A (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) sub-regional improvement board

14 December 2017

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

Sue Rogers	Bristol City Council
Chrysta Garnett	Bristol City Council
Cherry Hawker	South Gloucestershire Council
Margaret Simmons-Bird	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Tom Morrison	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Louise Malik	North Somerset Council
Gail Webb	North Somerset Council
Neal Chislett	Somerset County Council
Simon Cowley	Teaching Schools Council
Helen Fenn	Diocese of Bath and Wells
Suzanne McDonald	Diocese of Bath and Wells
Colleen Collett	Diocese of Clifton
Lisa Paniccia –Brown	Diocese of Clifton
Liz Townend	Diocese of Bristol
Duncan Heryett	Diocese of Bristol
Rachel Howie	Diocese of Gloucester

Invited representatives

Tony Bloxham	Regional Teaching School Lead
Chris Mitten	Regional Teaching School Lead

DfE officials in attendance included

Clare Colvin (Chair), Susan Matheson

Discussion points

An overview was provided of the applications received within the sub-region for round 2 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF). It was noted that the announcement of successful projects would be made in January 2018 and that following the announcement the TSC would link with teaching schools and providers to consider:

- eligible schools not yet supported by SSIF projects
- commissioning of projects to address sub-regional priorities for SSIF round 3 which had not been met in round 2.

It was noted that SSIF round 3 will open before Christmas.

Ahead of SSIF round 3 the meeting discussed the data and local intelligence on priority needs for different schools within the areas. These were identified as priorities as areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive.

The following priorities were identified for the South West and/or that are common across the sub-regions:

- leadership
- maths
- EYFS/phonics/oracy
- disadvantage
- SEND
- teacher recruitment and retention

In addition, for some schools, as relevant, within the sub-region A local authority areas:

- leadership: governance
- leadership: building professional development of teaching and learning
- recruitment and retention
- maths
- literacy
- SEND, behaviour and inclusion
- all sub-region A local authorities but particularly in Bath and North East Somerset (BANES) and in Bristol for boys: Disadvantage: narrowing the disadvantage gap

The list of priorities within the region will be circulated to sub-regional improvement board attendees after the meeting. This will also be disseminated to MATs after the meeting.

The benefits to potential applicants of the regional teaching school lead and the TSC being aware of the number and nature of likely applications was emphasised, including to identify any areas of overlap. Sub-regional improvement board members were encouraged to pass any knowledge of potential applications to DfE, via the regional teaching school lead Tony Bloxham. This again was not for reasons of exclusivity, but to mitigate gaps in provision emerging given that the data and intelligence was showing all attendees at the meeting some important areas for focus and, subject to the Secretary of State's decisions, in due course, potential SSIF funding.

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South West sub-region A (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) sub-regional improvement board

1 November 2017

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

Lisa Mannall	Regional Schools Commissioner, South West
Sue Rogers	Bristol City Council
Margaret Simmons-Bird	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Neal Chislett	Somerset County Council
Gail Webb	North Somerset County Council
Cherry Hawker	South Gloucestershire Council
Duncan Heryett	Diocese of Bristol
Ann Fowler	Diocese of Clifton

DfE officials in attendance included

Hannah Woodhouse, Jo Thomas, Clare Colvin

Invited representatives

Paul Jones	Head Teacher Board Member, South West (Chair)
Tony Bloxham	Regional Teaching School Lead
Chris Mitten	Regional Teaching School Lead

Apologies

Simon Cowley	Teaching School Council
Rachel Howie	Diocese of Gloucester
Theresa Gale	Diocese of Bath and Wells

Discussion points

Sub-regional improvement board members were reminded of the confidentiality of the papers and discussion at the meeting and that they must declare any actual or potential interests that might impact upon their impartiality in the review and discussion of applications. Conflicts of interest were dealt with in line with the published terms of reference.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) round 2

An overview was provided of SSIF round 2 applications. Sub-regional improvement board members considered the applications and fed in their views on:

1. the fit of the proposal with the identified sub-regional priorities, including whether the schools selected are those most in need of support; and

2. whether the applicant and specified providers have the capacity and capability to successfully deliver the activity such that it delivers the desired outcomes.

The views in the meeting on round 2 applications were broadly in support of the applications submitted; on the whole, the applications were viewed as thoughtful and collaborative.

All applicants, with the exception of one cross-regional application, met the sub-regional priorities. The majority of applications targeted appropriate schools for support but there were some where schools with greater needs could have been included. Consideration was given to the proposed providers' capacity, capability and track record in delivering improvement support similar to that proposed in the applications. All of these points were then fed into the Department's assessment of each application.

Risk register

The risk register was discussed and will be updated and re-circulated ahead of the next meeting.

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Record of meeting

The members of the sub-regional improvement board met at a sub-regional teaching school meeting and took part in an additional discussion after that meeting as set out below.

South West sub-region A (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) teaching school meeting

11 September 2017

Discussion points

An overview was provided of the outcome of round 1 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF), noting the DfE announcement from early September setting out the seven successful applications from the South West.

The features that distinguished projects which the Secretary of State had decided to fund through round 1 compared to those that were not were noted as:

- clearer articulation and stronger evidence of the need to be addressed in the specific schools identified
- more robust evidence for how and why the proposed intervention would deliver the proposed impact
- stronger evidence of the capacity of providers to deliver the proposed intervention
- a more robust and specific action plan
- more robust plans to sustain the impact of the intervention
- clearer evidence of steps taken to secure value for money

The closing date for round 2 applications to be sent to the DfE was confirmed as 20 October. Updated guidance will be published shortly together with an updated application form.

Ahead of SSIF round 2 the meeting discussed the data and local intelligence on priority needs for different schools within the areas. These were identified as areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive:

For some schools, as relevant, across the South West

- leadership
- maths
- EYFS/phonics/oracy
- disadvantage

South West sub-region A (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire) sub-regional improvement board

11 September 2017

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

Gail Webb	North Somerset County Council
Margaret Simmons-Bird	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Chyrsta Garnett	Bristol City Council
Cherry Hawker	South Gloucestershire Council
Colleen Collette	Clifton Diocese
Helen Fenn	Diocese of Bath of Wells

Invited representatives

Tony Bloxham	Regional Teaching School Lead
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DfE officials in attendance included

Hannah Woodhouse, Sally Viner (Chair)

Apologies

Lisa Mannall	Regional Schools Commissioner
John Swainston	Diocese of Bristol
Rachel Howie	Diocese of Gloucester
Julian Wooster	Somerset County Council
Sheila Smith	North Somerset County Council
Simon Cowley	Teaching Schools Council

Discussion points

Further to the discussion in the sub-regional teaching school meeting on the four priorities for the South West, sub-regional priorities were identified as, and were by no means exclusive:

For some schools, as relevant, within specific LA areas

- leadership: governance in all LAs
- maths: in all LAs (recognising that there is a maths hub in the sub-region and that projects would need to draw on and go beyond the work of the hub)
- disadvantage: narrowing the disadvantage gap (in all LAs but particularly in Bath and North East Somerset, and in Bristol for boys)
- SEND, behaviour and inclusion (in all LAs)

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