

Department for Education Board Meeting

10 May 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Member Attendees

Rt Hon Gillian Keegan
Baroness Barran

Richard Pennycook
Toby Peyton-Jones
Peter Bazalgette
Stuart McMinnies
Jack Boyer
Jane Cunliffe
Indra Morris
Tony Foot

Title

Secretary of State for Education (Chair)
Minister for the School System and Student
Finance
Lead Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Non-Executive Board Member
Chief Operating Officer
Director General, Families
Director General, Strategy

Presenters

Paul Baker
Caroline Stead
Lydia Bradley
Tom Stephens
Tillie Paul
Ruth Harding
Susie Owen

Mike Davies

Jo Mackie

Tessa Griffiths
Sarah MacLean
Emma Davies
Jane Belfour

Title

Deputy Director, Central Strategic Finance
Head of Reporting, Cash and Estimates
Head of the Financial Strategy Unit
Head of Delivery Unit
Head of Performance Analysis
Head of Major Projects
Director of Early Years, Childcare, Families,
and Analysis
Deputy Director for Early Years Sufficiency &
Entitlements
Deputy Director for Early Years Sufficiency &
Entitlements
Director, Post-16 Skills and Strategy
Director, Post-16 Skills and Strategy
Deputy Director, Sector Skills
Deputy Director, Employer Engagement,
Apprenticeship Directorate

Other Attendees

Julia Kinniburgh
Caroline Pusey
John Edwards

Emily Roche
Laura Hoskins
Anna Haynes

Title

Director General, Skills
Interim Director General, Schools
Director General, Regions (deputising for the
Permanent Secretary)
Director, Strategy and Delivery
Board Secretary
Board Secretariat Officer

Apologies

Susan Acland-Hood

Title

Permanent Secretary

1. INTRODUCTION, MINUTES, AND ACTION TRACKER

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting. The Board thanked Suzy Levy for her tenure as a Non-Executive Director, noting that March 2023 was her last Board meeting.
- 1.2 There were no new or changed conflicts of interest and the minutes and action tracker of the previous meeting were approved.

2. FINANCE UPDATE

- 2.1 The Board received an overview of the Department's budgets at Quarter 4.
- 2.2 The Board reviewed the draft year end outturn for 2022 for Programme, Capital, and Admin, in addition to a summary of the Spring Budget.
- 2.3 The Board thanked colleagues for their work to secure additional school and childcare funding in the Spring Budget.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 The Board received an update on the Department's performance and data across the desired outcomes of departmental programmes and the Secretary of State's missions.
- 3.2 Board members engaged with the challenges facing the education sector that impacted the Department's delivery of major programmes.
- 3.3 Board members discussed the importance of creating regional skills dialogues between employers and FE institutions.

4. DELIVERY DEEP DIVE: CHILDCARE REFORM

- 4.1 The Board was provided with an update on the Spring Budget childcare announcement and an overview of the delivery challenges and opportunities.
- 4.2 The Board considered the risks to delivery of the reforms and discussed the impact of the changes on the Early Years workforce.

5. MATHS TO 18

5.1 The Board received an update on the delivery plans for Maths to 18, including the timeline for work over the next six months.

5.2 The Board discussed the communications strategy for the programme and the importance of engaging with employers and all other relevant stakeholders throughout the planning process.

6. AOB

6.1 The Board was provided with an overview of the plans for the Skills for Growth Conference, which took place on the 22nd June 2023 with a number of Board members attending.

6.2 The meeting closed at 12:00