



## Record of meeting

### North West London sub-regional improvement board

10 May 2018

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Martin Post	Regional Schools Commissioner, NWLSC (Chair)
John Galligan	Brent London Borough Council
Richard Stanley	Tri-borough (Westminster City Council, Hammersmith and Fulham Council and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea)
Mark Taylor	Islington London Borough Council
Inigo Woolf	London Diocesan Board of Schools
Clara Seery	Enfield London Borough Council
Julie Lewis	Ealing London Borough Council
Atifa Sayani	Harrow London Borough Council

##### Invited representatives

Mick O'Leary	Teaching Schools Council
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##### DfE officials in attendance included

Tania Rawle, Amanda Sasia

##### Apologies

Michelle Stanley	Enfield London Borough Council
Glynis Weller	Ealing London Borough Council
Peter Dudley	Camden London Borough Council
Martin Pratt	Camden London Borough Council
Neil Marlow	Barnet London Borough Council
Ian J Harrison	Barnet London Borough Council
Jon Abbey	Camden London Borough Council
Judith Finlay	Ealing London Borough Council
James Carrick	Enfield London Borough Council
Tony Zaman	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Michael Marks	Hounslow London Borough Council
Akwai Gill	Hounslow London Borough Council
Carmel Littleton	Islington London Borough Council
Ian Heggs	Tri-Borough (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; London Borough of Westminster and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)
Chris Spencer	Harrow London Borough Council
Laurie Baker	Hillingdon London Borough Council
JP Morrison	Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

## 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.

The majority of applications met the sub-regional priorities. The majority of applications targeted appropriate schools for intervention, 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.

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## Record of meeting

### North West London sub-regional improvement board

12 December 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Martin Post	Regional Schools Commissioner, NWLSC (Chair)
John Galligan	Brent London Borough Council
Peter Dudley	Camden London Borough Council
Glynis Weller	Ealing London Borough Council
Clara Seery	Enfield London Borough Council
Michelle Stanley	Enfield London Borough Council
Richard Stanley	Tri-Borough (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; London Borough of Westminster and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)
Chris Spencer	Harrow London Borough Council
Laurie Baker	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Inigo Wolf	London Diocesan Board for Schools
JP Morrison	Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

##### Invited representatives

Mick O'Leary	Teaching Schools Council
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##### DfE officials in attendance included

Jodie Semp-Blaskey, Jim Addison

##### Apologies

Martin Pratt	Camden London Borough Council
Neil Marlow	Barnet London Borough Council
Ian J Harrison	Barnet London Borough Council
Gail Tolley	Brent London Borough Council
Jon Abbey	Camden London Borough Council
Judith Finlay	Ealing London Borough Council
Julie Lewis	Ealing London Borough Council
James Carrick	Enfield London Borough Council
Nasim Butt	Harrow London Borough Council
Tony Zaman	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Michael Marks	Hounslow London Borough Council
Akwai Gill	Hounslow London Borough Council
Carmel Littleton	Islington London Borough Council
Mark Taylor	Islington London Borough Council
Ian Heggs	Tri-Borough (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; London Borough of Westminster and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)

## 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 Teaching Schools Council (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 and areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive.

For some schools, as relevant, within specific local authority areas:

1. Barnet: Progress of disadvantaged/ vulnerable groups at KS2/4 (to include Black Caribbean and African groups)
2. Brent: Improving the attainment and progress of both high performing and disadvantaged pupils in Reading and Writing at KS2 and KS4
3. Camden: Raising achievement for white British pupils at the end of KS4
4. Ealing: KS2/KS4 reading for disadvantaged pupils
5. Enfield: Improving reading attainment and progress for all groups EYFS/ KS1/ KS2
6. Harrow: Improving KS1/ 2 reading: attainment for disadvantaged pupils at greater depth/ higher standard
7. Hillingdon: Improving KS2 reading with a particular focus on disadvantaged pupils
8. Hounslow: Improving progress from GCSE to A level and attainment at top grades
9. Islington: Improving progress for underachieving groups (in good and outstanding schools) at all Key Stages
10. Tri-borough: Improving progress of disadvantaged pupils in KS2 writing

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 SSIF advisers 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 SSIF adviser Mick O'Leary. 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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## Record of meeting

### North West London sub-regional improvement board

2 November 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Martin Post	Regional Schools Commissioner, NWLSC (Chair)
Neil Marlow	Barnet London Borough Council
John Galligan	Brent London Borough Council
Peter Dudley	Camden London Borough Council
Jon Abbey	Camden London Borough Council
Glynis Weller	Ealing London Borough Council
Richard Stanley	Triborough (Westminster City Council, Hammersmith and Fulham Council and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea)
Laurie Baker	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Akwai Gill	Hounslow London Borough Council
Mark Taylor	Islington London Borough Council
Inigo Woolf	London Diocesan Board of Schools
JP Morrison	Diocese of Westminster
Teresa Tunnadine	Teaching Schools Council

##### Invited representatives

Mick O'Leary	Teaching Schools Council
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##### DfE officials in attendance included

Tania Rawle, Jim Addison

#### Discussion points

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#### 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. The majority of applications met the sub-regional priorities. The majority of applications targeted appropriate schools for intervention, 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.

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## Record of meeting

### North West London sub-regional improvement board

27 September 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Martin Post	Regional Schools Commissioner, NWLSC (Chair)
Neil Marlow	Barnet London Borough Council
John Galligan	Brent London Borough Council
Angela Doherty	Ealing London Borough Council
Clara Seery	Enfield London Borough Council
Richard Stanley	Tri-Borough (Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; London Borough of Westminster and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham)
Nasim Butt	Harrow London Borough Council
Chris Spencer	Harrow London Borough Council
Rani Dady	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Akwai Gill	Hounslow London Borough Council
Mark Taylor	Islington London Borough Council
Inigo Wolf	London Diocesan Board for Schools
Teresa Tunnadine	Teaching Schools Council

##### Invited representatives

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##### DfE officials in attendance included

Jodie Semp-Blaskey, Jim Addison

##### Apologies

Martin Pratt	Camden London Borough Council
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#### Discussion points

An overview was provided of the outcome of round 1 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF), noting the three successful applications in NWLSC. Within the London sub-regional improvement board area, Tri-Borough Alternative Provision (TBAP) made a successful application.

The features that distinguished projects which the Secretary of State had decided to fund through round 1 compared to 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

Around £19m has been spent in round 1 from the £280m available. Therefore there remains a significant opportunity in round 2 and round 3 due to the level of funding remaining if applications are suitably robust.

An overview of SSIF round 2 was provided which included:

- the closing date for round 2 applications to be sent to DfE was confirmed as 20 October 2017.
- the guidance and application form have been updated for round 2 to be clearer and more user-friendly e.g more space for text and a 'save' feature.

An overview of the TSC in the newly-formed NWLSC teaching school council region was provided, which included reference to SSIF advisors and lead schools in the region. A letter outlining this support structure has been sent to the DCS in all LAs in NWLSC and to Teaching Schools within the region from the Teaching Schools Council leads for NWLSC. The same information will be sent shortly to Dioceses and MATs by the RSC team.

In the London sub-regional improvement board region, there are two Teaching School Council sub regions:

- North West and Central London which covers Barnet, Camden, City of London, Enfield, Hammersmith & Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster.
- West London which covers Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

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 priorities as areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive.

For some schools, as relevant, within specific local authority areas:

1. London Borough (LB) of Barnet: Progress disadvantaged and vulnerable groups at KS2/4.
2. LB Brent: Black Caribbean Boys.
3. LB Ealing: KS2 Reading for disadvantaged.
4. LB Enfield: Reading at KS2 specific on EAL.
5. LB Harrow: Greater depth and high standard for disadvantaged in reading at KS1/2. SEND pupils with average prior attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths at KS2 and KS4.
6. LB Hillingdon: KS2 Reading.
7. LB Hounslow: KS2 Reading.
8. LB Islington: Improving progress for underachieving groups (in Good and Outstanding schools).
9. Tri-Borough: Progress in KS2 Writing disadvantaged.
10. London Diocesan Board of Schools: Recruitment (not SSIF criteria but worthy of a discussion for a later sub-regional improvement board as identified as a priority).



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