



## Record of meeting

### South East London sub-regional improvement board

2 May 2018

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Jonathan Duff	Deputy Director, Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, South East and South London, (Chair)
Dominic Herrington	Regional Schools Commissioner, South East and South London
Cara Cahill	Southwark London Borough Council
Rachel Clarke	Greenwich London Borough Council
Claire Dudman	Lambeth London Borough Council
Jonathan Eynan	Teaching Schools Council
Paul Foster	Teaching Schools Council
Tom Gibson	Archdiocese of Southwark
Tina Jenner	Teaching Schools Council
Mike McKeaveney	Diocese of Southwark
Laura Ovenden	Bexley London Borough Council
Michael Roach	Lewisham London Borough Council
Terry Segarty	Southwark London Borough Council
Cathy Twist	Lambeth Borough Council

##### DfE officials in attendance included

Vicky O'Keeffe, Ryan Summers

##### Apologies

Julia Andrew	Bromley London Borough Council
Carol Arnfield	Bromley London Borough Council
Kate Bond	Lewisham London Borough Council
Nina Dohel	Southwark London Borough Council

#### 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

### South East London sub-regional improvement board

12 December 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Jonathan Duff	Deputy Director, Regional Schools' Commissioner's Office, South East London (Chair)
Julia Andrew	Bromley London Borough Council
Mike McKeaveney	Diocese of Southwark
Kate Bond	Lewisham London Borough Council

##### Invited representatives

Mick O'Leary	Teaching Schools Council
Paul Foster	Teaching Schools Council
Tina Jenner	Teaching Schools Council
Jonathan Eynon	Teaching Schools Council

##### DfE officials in attendance included

Theo Brady, Jane Vaughan

##### Apologies

Terry Segarty	Southwark London Borough Council
Cathy Twist	Lambeth London Borough Council
Claire Dudman	Lambeth London Borough Council
Colin Powell	Southwark London Borough Council

#### 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 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.

For some schools, as relevant, across the sub-region:

1. pupils reaching greater depth at EYFS to KS2
2. the progress of black pupils at KS4
3. the progress of white and mixed race working class/FSM pupils (particularly boys) at KS4
4. SEND – pupils performance and SEND support
5. recruiting and retaining good quality teachers across south London – NQTs to senior leaders
6. pupil mobility – improving induction and support
7. quality of KS5 provision and pupil attainment and progress in South East London
8. governance, focused on making sure the membership of governing bodies is appropriately refreshed and that governors are fully able to hold schools' leadership to account
9. narrowing the disadvantage gap, particularly in Bromley

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 Paul Foster. 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

### South East London sub regional improvement board

10 November 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Jonathan Duff	Deputy Director, Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, South East and South London, (Chair)
Julie Knock Bravery	Teaching Schools Council
Paul Foster	Teaching Schools Council
Stephen Bryan	Archdiocese of Southwark
Colin Powell	Diocese of Southwark
Terry Segarty	Southwark London Borough Council
Tracy Russell	Greenwich London Borough Council
Clare Dudman	Lambeth London Borough Council
Kathy Roberts	Bexley London Borough Council
Julia Andrew	Bromley London Borough Council
Kate Bond	Lewisham London Borough Council

##### DfE officials in attendance included

Jane Vaughan

##### Apologies

Sara Williams	Lewisham London Borough Council
Carol Arnfield	Bromley London Borough Council
Cathy Twist	Lambeth London Borough Council
Nina Dohel	Southwark London Borough Council

#### 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 2

An overview was provided of SSIF round 2 applications and discussions were had as to why no South East London specific applications were submitted for round 2. The only applications related to the South East London sub-region were cross regional.

Sub-regional improvement board members considered these cross regional 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.

Members did not consider the applications directly addressed any of the sub-regional priorities for South East London. 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 submitted to members with an invitation to supply feedback via email.

### **Actions**

- sub-regional improvement board members to share contacts with Paul Foster, the incoming Teaching Schools Council representative.

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## Record of meeting

### South East London sub-regional improvement board

05 September 2017

#### Attendance

##### Sub-regional improvement board members

Jonathan Duff	Deputy Director, Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, South East and South East London (Chair)
Anne Bamford	Catholic Diocese Southwark
Cathy Twist	Lambeth London Borough Council
Clare Dudman	Lambeth London Borough Council
Colin Powell	The Diocese of Southwark
Jane Bailey	Bromley London Borough Council
Jo Lakey	Bexley London Borough Council
Julie Knock	Teaching Schools Council
Kathy Roberts	Bexley London Borough Council
Sara Williams	Lewisham London Borough Council
Terry Segarty	Southwark London Borough Council
Tracey Russell	Greenwich London Borough Council

##### Invited representatives

Brian Ball	Teaching Schools Council
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##### DfE officials in attendance included

Jim Addison

##### Apologies

Alex Tear	Diocese of Guildford
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#### Discussion points

The group met and discussed:

- the draft terms of reference for the group, how the discussions in these meetings would operate and how decisions on funding were for the Secretary of State only.
- outcomes from round 1 of the strategic school improvement fund - as announced by DfE in early September - and the features that distinguished projects the Secretary of State had decided to fund compared to those that were not funded. These included:
  - 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.
- expected arrangements for round 2 of the strategic school improvement fund including:
  - applications would open in early September 2017 with a deadline of midday on Friday 20 October 2017 for applications to be sent to DfE
  - the current application guidance would be updated and a new, improved application form made available once the application round opened. The revised guidance would include clarification about what makes a good application and some minor changes including:
    - eligibility criteria for supported schools – confirmation that the criteria relating to pupil progress and attainment should continue to be based on the 2015 to 2016 performance data as that is the most recent published data
    - clearer guidance on the types of evidence we would expect to underpin the selected improvement approaches
    - increased flexibility on the number of eligible schools in applications supporting pupil referral units, alternative provision units and special educational needs and disability (SEND) in mainstream schools
- the role of the Regional Schools Commissioner and other members of the group in communicating sub regional priorities and encouraging applications
- the role of the Teaching Schools Council and the Strategic School Improvement Delivery (SSID) teaching school in coordinating the development of applications from teaching schools, multi academy trusts and local authorities
- ahead of Strategic School Improvement Fund (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:
  1. key stage 2 pupils reaching “greater depth” and narrowing the gap
  2. black Caribbean pupils at all phases but particularly key stage 4
  3. white and mixed race working class/free school meals pupils, particularly boys
  4. SEND support – performance of pupils in SEND Support
  5. recruiting and retaining good quality teachers across south London – newly qualified to senior leaders
  6. pupil mobility – improvement to induction and support
  7. quality of key stage 5 provision and APS attainment in Greenwich and Lewisham
  8. governance, focused on making sure the membership of governing bodies is appropriately refreshed and that governors are fully able to hold school leadership to account
  9. pupils with English as an additional language, particularly in .