

REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2022

Date of SSSAB meeting: 08 February 2022

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Strategic Update from the Interim AD – Children, Young People and Families

Jassi Broadmeadow made the following points:

- Tony McGregor has been appointed to the post of Head of Safeguarding on an interim basis.
- Emma Lightfoot has been appointed to the newly created additional Head of Service post, responsible for front door referrals and MASH.
- Feedback during and after the JTAI has been that additional resilience is needed from partnerships so a team is working with partners to look at improving their representation in MASH.

Updates

The following updates were received:

- Virtual school - Alecia Oliver- Adams
- HR - Andrea Ashley
- Corporate Health and Safety Board – Bev Petch and Mark Wills
- Central Services Monitoring: Safeguarding Training – Natasha Chamberlain
- Inclusion Service – Michele Sadler
- NAHT – Jane Davenport

Chair's Actions

Louise Minter reported that a query had been raised at a Forum Finance meeting around costs over the period of the pandemic when services were restricted or delivered in different ways. LM explained that recompense to Streetsbrook for the SSSAB Chair is no longer collaborative funded but comes from the Schools' Forum budget. The money would not go back in to schools if it was not spent as it is part of the DSG that would not be allocated in to school budgets.

A member of SSSAB went on to raise a query about what happened to money for moderation and testing during the pandemic. LM responded that the moderation money would have contributed towards someone's salary and although specific moderation activity did not take place it would not be possible to just withdraw the money. LM also reinforced that many members of staff were redeployed to support schools in other ways during that period.

SSSAB Forward Plan

A small sub-group of SSSAB will be set up to focus on what SSSAB needs to look like. The vision for SSSAB now is to shift some of the updates from SSSAB meetings into virtual breakfast briefings and to use Heads' Partnership for discussion afterwards. It was agreed to prioritise a discussion about the future of SSSAB for the first hour of the next SSSAB meeting.

Heads Conference and Heads Partnership

It was agreed to reschedule Heads Conference to 29 and 30 September 2022. Heads' Partnership meetings would continue as planned on 24 March 2022 and 07 July 2022.

Payroll T&F Group

JG gave an update on the payroll task and finish group which had been set up to source a payroll provider for academies from September 2022. The outcome had been that the group would not be commissioning collectively and the task and finish group had reached its natural conclusion.

Well-being

A member of SSSAB raised headteacher well-being as a concern. She enquired whether there was any support from the LA for headteachers as she was concerned about headteachers potentially leaving their roles. LM signposted support and stated that headteacher well-being is raised at the weekly schools' cell meetings.

It was agreed that JD would write to the local MP about NAHT concerns regarding leadership in the future. LM and JN would liaise about potentially asking the speakers who had done the well-being session at the mini conference to put on a monthly session/coaching for headteachers to buy in to.

LMc offered to look into offering training for governors to emphasise headteacher well-being.