

EIS Educational Psychologists' Network
Monday 10 November 2014

A meeting of the Educational Psychologists' Network was held on Monday 10 November 2014 at 2.00 pm in the Offices of Citibase, 1-3 St Colm Street, Edinburgh.

- (1) Sederunt: - D Morrice (Assistant Secretary), H Brauer, E Bryson, J Burke, J Dickenson, A Elliot, M Mackenzie, P McIlwain, K McPherson, N Morris, V Sutherland and J Tavendale.

Apologies had been received from S Bull, C Kidd and N Mahmoud.

- (2) Note of Educational Psychologists' Network meeting, 9 June 2014: - The note of the meeting was agreed as an accurate record. It was noted that Assistant Secretary Morrice had not yet spoken to both University course coordinators but he would as soon as practicable.

- (3) Matters Arising from the Minute

Salary Comparators: - A legal Opinion was tabled and discussed by the network. It was agreed that the Opinion would be shared with the Joint Forum at its next meeting. It was also agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would draft a memo on behalf of the network for the Salaries Committee on the issues.

- (4) Workforce Planning: - Assistant Secretary Morrice gave an update on the last meeting. A number of issues were discussed. Problems with payment of travelling expenses to students on placement are an issue within most local authorities. These travelling expenses are paid by universities under hardship arrangements. Standards for application for Strathclyde University was raised. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would raise the issue with course coordinators. The issue of increased workload for supervisors of probationer EPs was discussed. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would write to COSLA on the issue of training and registration of supervisors. Delay of progression of probationers from Point 0 to Point 1 was discussed. It was noted that no formal answer had been received from COSLA on the issue. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would write again to COSLA. It was also agreed with the SNCT Joint Secretaries would be sent to BPS to help reduce delays.

- (5) Joint Forum: - It was noted that there has not been no recent meeting of the Joint Forum but dates would be circulated to meet in January.

- (6) Travelling Expenses: - A paper on current provisions for travelling expenses was tabled. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would write out to Local Secretaries to find out what provisions exist within Councils. It was also agreed that the paper would be placed on the Educational Psychologists online forum.

(7) AOCB: -

Workload: - The increasing workload demand on EPs was discussed. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice, V Sutherland, J Dickenson and J Burke would produce a note for members on the issues. It was noted that Midlothian Council would be the pilot for Validated Self-Assessment. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would write to the network on the issue and the item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sickness Absence: - The issue of differences between Council's attendance management policies was raised. It was agreed that the EIS policy on Attendance Management would be sent the network and it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

(8) Date and time of next meeting: - The next meeting of the Network will be held on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 2.00pm.