

**Summary Notes from a Joint Meeting of the
Association of Sandwell Governing Bodies (ASGB) and Chairs'
Forum held at 6.15pm on 17th January 2018 at Guardian House,
West Bromwich**

Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of Mr Bob Patel MBE, Chair of ASGB, Mr Steve Somerfield Vice-Chair, welcomed guests and members to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Chairs' Forum – Chris Ward, Director Education, Skills and Employment

Mr Ward delivered the Horizon Presentation (Appendix 1 attached).

Additional notes, comments and questions have been added to the bottom of each slide, clearly identified as ASGB notes. You may need to scroll down to see them all on some of the screens and take care when printing as the notes might not be visible unless you print each screen separately. Any problems, please let me know.

Governance SIPS Update – Craig Felton, Director Governance

Mr Felton told members about the free/subsidised governor training being offered by the DfE under licence to various providers. Training was for chairs, clerks and the governing board were predominately on-line although some might be face-to-face.

Entrust had already embarked on a marketing programme to schools but there were three or four other providers, including the National Governance Association so governors were advised to 'hold fire' and consider all the options. Lots of training was already free/inexpensive and on-line already so governing bodies should consider the benefits before making their decisions.

Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting held 8th November 2017

Draft minutes had been sent to all members prior to the meeting,

The minutes were agreed and it was

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2017 be agreed and signed as such, by the Chair.

Any Additional Items

- The Chair mentioned that there were some places left on the SIPS training courses and members should look at what was available. Most of the courses are included in the SIPS Training Programme at no additional cost if your school subscribes to the SIPS Training Programme.
- In relation to the above the Chair told members that he had enquired about training for 'Analysing School Performance' which replaced RAISE. Mr Felton's view was that governors would benefit from some form of whole school training that concentrated specifically on the data for their school rather than attending a generic session. The Chair encouraged members to take this up with their Head Teacher.
- The latest NGA magazine, Governing Matters is available, hard copy or on-line and has an article on Analyse School Performance together with various other topical issues.
- The support officer advised that the ASGB website was progressing and requested any further ideas for content that would make the website informative, relevant and provide information that was not available elsewhere.

Next Meeting:

Next scheduled meeting 28th February 2018 will be a joint meeting with Chairs' Forum.

Please contact the support officer if you would like a copy of the Horizon Presentation forwarded to you.