

Benefits to the Governor Support & Development Service As A Result of the School Governor Scrutiny Review

Training Provision

The responses to the questionnaire sent to individual governors have underpinned the and added weight to the case for extended training provision for governors. This extended provision will now provide access to three types of training:

Generic Core Training

The core training programme will continue to be offered.

Online Training

This is currently being piloted in all schools and governors are coming back with helpful and positive feedback. It is envisaged that online training will be offered to all schools from September 2008.

Whole Governing Body Training

A list of titles suitable for whole governing body training will be offered from September 2008. Where this training is taken up, and where it is appropriate to do so, the opportunity to participate will be opened up to other schools in the vicinity of the hosting school - this will ensure that the very best use of Officer time and value for money can be achieved.

These are all opportunities identified through the individual school governor survey and selected by governors as helpful methods of training.

In addition, as a result of the responses to the governing body questionnaire, it is planned to reinstate the annual governors' conference, although the responses showed a reluctance by governing bodies to contribute to the actual cost of such a conference, which is disappointing.

The take-up of governing body self-review continues and this also provides an opportunity to identify individual training needs.

Other Benefits

The governance service database has been updated with the equalities information gathered via the individual governor survey. This information has already been used to complete the National Benchmarking exercise, which asks for details of the ethnic representation amongst governors, the gender balance and other details collected by the survey.

The exit questionnaire is now part of the process undertaken when a governor resigns or ends his or her term of office and the information contained in that may provide invaluable information to support retention strategies.