

Business Studies Development Group

Meeting 4

27th February 2014

Agenda:

Feedback on consultation report from the Business Studies Background Paper

Documentation/Discussion:

The development group discussed the findings from the consultation report on the background paper for business studies.

[Background Paper for Business Studies](#)

The development group examined content in the areas of personal finance, enterprise and our economy. Of particular consideration was the quantity of content, how it supported a student-centred approach to learning and how it supported 21st century teaching and learning.

Links with:

[Framework for Junior Cycle](#)

[Background Paper and Brief for Junior Cycle Business Studies](#)

Developing elements for junior cycle business studies.

The development group discussed potential elements for the specification. The elements describe the principle/overarching skills a specification aims to develop in students studying Business Studies.

The development group was introduced to the process of developing learning outcomes.

[Writing Learning Outcomes](#)

These emerging issues were identified:

- In relation to assessment, concerns raised around the overarching approach to assessment in the new junior cycle. A guide to assessment is now available as part of the [Assessment and Moderation Toolkit](#)
- A draft specification will be available from autumn 2014.
- Potential elements include looking at *managing my resources*, *thinking and exploring business* and *engaging with the world of business*.
- The good response rate from teachers to the online survey was welcomed, however disappointment around the number of students who engaged with the student consultation was noted.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for **Monday, 24th March 2014**.