

Business Studies Development Group

Meeting 3

28th January 2014

Agenda:	Documentation/Discussion:
Update on DES proposals on the introduction of the new Junior Cycle developments	The committee discussed the potential impact of the proposals on the work of the development group.
The development group considered the specification working document with particular reference to the Statements of Learning , Key Skills and Literacy and Numeracy contained in the Framework for Junior Cycle.	The links with junior cycle Statements of Learning, junior cycle Key Skills and Literacy and Numeracy. Framework for Junior Cycle
The development group considered appropriate content for the Business Studies specification.	The committee discussed potential strands for the specification. Strands describe how the subject is organised. Strands outline briefly the significant content a students will learn in each section of the course.
The development group was introduced to the assessment guidelines as contained in the Framework for Junior Cycle in relation to Business Studies	Section 3 of the Framework for Junior Cycle: Framework for Junior Cycle
The development group considered an interim summary on emerging trends in the consultation on the Background Paper for Business Studies	Background Paper for Business Studies
<p>These emerging issues were identified:</p> <p>Monthly meetings for progressing the work of the development group will continue as planned. A draft specification will be available from autumn 2014.</p> <p>Potential strands include looking at Finance, Enterprise, Economics from a personal, business and social perspective.</p> <p>In relation to assessment, concerns raised around the process of internal moderation in schools.</p> <p>While the good response rate to the online survey was welcomed, disappointment around the number of students who engaged with the student consultation tool was noted.</p> <p>Next meeting: The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Thursday, 27th February 2014</p>	

