

## SCOTTISH EDUCATION COUNCIL

### UPDATE FROM THE STRATEGIC BOARD FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

1. The Strategic Board for Teacher Education (SBTE) maintains oversight of a range of policy areas related to the teaching profession including workforce planning, standards in teaching, initial teacher education, professional learning and leadership. The Board is chaired by the Scottish Government and membership includes, local government, Directors of Education, the General Teaching Council for Scotland, universities, teachers' representatives, Education Scotland, the Scottish College for Educational Leadership, the National Parents Forum for Scotland, the Catholic Education Service and a representative from a Regional Improvement Collaborative. SBTE last met on 9 November where the following issues were discussed.

- Governance arrangements – SBTE discussed SG intentions to create a new Scottish Education Council and that the Board would form part of a tier of Governance below it. As part of this discussion SBTE agreed to develop a more comprehensive work plan that would include engagement with subject specific professional learning being developed by other working groups.
- Education Bill consultation – SG updated SBTE on the Education Bill consultation, which launched on 7 November.
- Intakes to Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes – SBTE discussed intakes to ITE programmes for the 17/18 academic year, confirming that targets in relation to enrolment in primary courses had been met, while a number of subject specific secondary targets had been missed. SBTE also discussed the development of additional new routes to teaching and noted that new routes to teaching had led to around a 7% increase in student numbers over last year. It was agreed that the Teach in Scotland website would be updated to demonstrate increased flexibility in terms of routes into teaching.
- Self-evaluation of ITE programmes – SBTE discussed Education Scotland's work, in conjunction with universities and the General Teaching Council for Scotland, on the development of a self-evaluation framework for ITE programmes which is due to be completed this academic year.

2. SBTE next meets on 21 February 2018 when the Board is expected to discuss its own workplan, the development of new career pathways for teachers and the relationship between 1+2 Language policy and Initial Teacher Education programmes.

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