

Note of SPHE post-primary Development Group online meeting, Sept 2021

Agenda item		Decision/Action
1. House keeping, governance, minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the meeting held in June were approved, the agenda was agreed and no conflicts of interest were declared. Matters arising: None	
2. Timeline for the work	The timeline for developing updated specification for Junior Cycle SPHE along with consultation opportunities was presented and discussed.	Agreed
3. Consultation on Background Paper	The group offered suggestions for ways of ensuring that the consultation facilitates a wide range of responses, representing different types of schools/students/contexts. Some members of the DG offered to help in identifying students and/or teachers who might get involved.	Follow up on these suggestions with individual members of the Development Group as appropriate.
4. Considerations when redeveloping JC SPHE	There was a short presentation and some discussion on key considerations that need to be kept in mind as the DG works on an updated specification. This was followed by the group giving detailed feedback and suggestions on draft text for the following parts of the updated specification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale • Aim 	Careful consideration will be given to all the suggestions and changes will be incorporated in an updated draft rationale and aim for circulation to the group.
Rationale & Aim		
Course structure and titles for stands	Some discussion on the 4 strands led to agreement on the need to review the titles of each stand so that they clearly and unambiguously describe the content of each strand. All suggestions noted. There wasn't time to discuss the inclusion of cross cutting elements although there was some enthusiasm for the idea of including elements as well as strands in an updated specification.	Revised proposed titles for the 4 strands will be presented for discussion at next DG meeting The elements will be discussed at next DG meeting.
AOB	Under AOB there was an update on Toolkit developments and the group was asked to spread the word about the upcoming information webinar, Sept 27 th and the consultation process which begins on Sept 27 th and runs until Nov 5 th .	
Date for next meeting	Monday Nov 8 th 2021 full day meeting.	