Purpose of ISSB

This strategy board will set the strategic direction of the development and implementation of standards within the Education, Skills and Children’s Services (ESCS) sector. It will provide the link to Ministers ensuring it focuses on key departmental priorities and agrees the projects to focus finite resources on. In doing so, it will reduce costs and burdens on the sector, and improve efficiency and use of data in order to put it at the heart of education delivery and policy making.

Role of ISSB members

- Consider departmental priorities and identify areas where data standards can play a part.
- Prioritise projects to focus resources on.
- Set direction for Information Standards Delivery Board (ISDB).
- Where agreement cannot be reached within ISDB, agree prioritisation and approval of Requests For Change (RFCs).
- Identify further members for the ISSB and ISDB who have an interest in data standards and implementation.
- Identify and consider proposals to facilitate convergence between data models, which aim to proactively reconcile and align overlapping standards through the re-use, development or adaptation of existing standards in use by an organisation or in the field.
- Support the implementation of approved data standards by encouraging organisation/associations to sign up to the adoption of those standards at the next suitable point in their IT development cycles.
- Act as link between Delivery Board and Ministers, keeping them informed of progress in implementing the data standards and data model.

Membership

- Those who hold strategic roles in organisations/associations within the education, skills and children’s services sector.

Frequency of meetings

- ISSB to meet twice a year, and at other times as needed, typically for 1-2 hours.

Meeting chair

- DfE/BIS sponsor.

Review

- Terms of reference will be reviewed annually.