

SSTA SENIOR MANAGERS' ADVISORY PANEL

REPORT TO CONGRESS 2016

The Senior Managers' Advisory Panel has met on a number of occasions throughout the year. As stated in previous reports, the regular attendance and contribution of Panel Members is appreciated as is the presence of the Union's senior officers. This allows a unique forum for debate and discussion that has a positive impact on the way members can operate as senior managers in their schools and as officers of their local authorities.

Among topics covered this year were the advice note on Professional Update for senior managers, managing teacher workload, the Work Time Agreement and Insight.

As happened in 2015, the Seminar for Senior Managers planned for March had to be cancelled due to poor uptake. It may be that we need to take a different approach to this kind of activity and any suggestions will be considered. Likewise, in spite of frequent attempts to recruit more members, the Panel itself does not have a large membership. We recognise that other panels also face similar recruitment issues and perhaps as a Union we need to rethink how we manage panels possibly using more digital technology to encourage greater participation by members. In the meantime, we would appreciate the support of delegates in promoting attendance at the seminar and membership of the Panel with senior managers in their own schools.