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**Title: Social Affairs Thematic (SATG)**

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The August meeting of the SATG was the first meeting of the group since relatively early 2010 and concentrated on tidying up some outstanding governance and administrative issues. Principally the Partnership Agreement was finalised by the partners and the terms of reference for the group was re-affirmed. The group also reviewed the SATG scorecard and compiled a range of improvements in the selection of indicators, benchmarking information, setting of targets and confirmed the availability and administration of data sources. The Group discussed performance in some detail and the level of discussion was helpful to the further development of the revised scorecard.

The group also considered proposals for mapping the integration of partnership sub groups with the overarching thematic group with a view to considering the potential for rationalising sub group remits and ensuring that they can report/ input to the SATG. A new reporting process has been developed for consideration at the November meeting of the SATG and will be piloted with the SATG.

Looking forward, in addition to improving the sub group linkages and scorecard review, the SATG agenda in November and subsequent meetings will also consider presentations on key strategic issues such as Educational Attainment, the Integrated Resource Framework Project, the early years framework, etc. Whilst giving reassurance on progress on these topics, the SATG will also seek assurance on partner agencies' actions to contribute to the achievement of national and local outcomes as set out in the SOA with an action focus on stimulating joint work and problem resolution.

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