
SSC RELICENSING PANEL RECOMMENDATION

SKILLSET

1 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AGAINST SSC RELICENSING FRAMEWORK

1.1 Overall Rating – **Good**

| Key Themes | Does not meet standard | Satisfactory | Good | Outstanding |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------|-------------|
| Well Run SSC | | | √ | |
| Core Products and Services | | | √ | |
| Sector Specific Solutions | | | √ | |
| Results and Impacts | | √ | | |

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Panel was impressed with many aspects of the work of the SSC and recommends that Skillset be relicensed. The SSC was considered to be performing to a high standard in most aspects of its work and achieved an overall assessment in the upper part of the “Good” category.

2.2 The Panel identified the SSC as being particularly strong in two areas:

- Partnership working with the HE sector to develop the Screen and Media Academies.
- The way it has worked across the four nations to achieve objectives.

2.3 The Panel will be highlighting these areas of good practice with Ministers and would urge the SSC to share them more widely across the SSC network.

2.4 The Panel was however concerned with a small number of aspects of the SSCs performance. These were:

- There was some concern about the robustness of the SSC’s financial management. The SSC needs to work with UKCES officials to demonstrate how its business plans have taken account of the current recession, what contingency plans are in place should income levels drop further, and how quickly further action could be taken.
- The SSC is in the process of developing its impact measures. The Panel believes this to be an important piece of work and will want to closely monitor the SSC’s progress in this area.

2.5 The Panel endorsed the recommendations for improvement highlighted in the NAO report and have recommended to Government that these should form part of the SSCs continuous improvement plan. We believe that Skillset should fall into the low risk band for ongoing performance assessment.