

Young People's Education and Skills Board

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Meeting Chair Cllr Peter John OBE

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Present

Cllr Peter John OBE	Executive member for children, skills and employment (Chair)
Jack Morris OBE	London Enterprise Panel (vice-chair)
Gail Tolley	Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) (vice chair)
Dr Caroline Allen OBE	AoC/Association of National Specialist Colleges
Dr Graeme Atherton	AccessHE - Higher Education representative
Caroline Boswell	Greater London Authority (GLA) (on behalf of Munira Mirza)
Yolande Burgess	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills
Denise Donovan	Department for Work and Pensions (on behalf of Derek Harvey)
Arwel Jones	Association of School and College Leaders
Negat Lodhi	Skills Funding Agency (on behalf of Jill Lowery)
Sir Frank McLoughlin CBE	Association of Colleges (AoC) - Further Education Colleges Representative
Dr Jane Overbury OBE	AoC - Sixth Form Colleges representative
Pat Reynolds	ALDCS

Guests and Observers

Michael Heanue	LEP officer
Julian Molina	University of Warwick
Mary Vine-Morris	AoC London Region

Officer(s)

Peter O'Brien	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills
Neeraj Sharma	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills

Apologies

Philip Barron	LEP Skills and Employment Working Group
Vic Farlie	London Work Based Learning Alliance
Derek Harvey	Department for Work and Pensions
David Jeffrey	Education Funding Agency
Nick Lester-Davis	London Councils
Jill Lowery	Skills Funding Agency
Munira Mirza	Greater London Authority
Tim Shields	Chief Executives London Committee
Cllr David Simmonds	Shadow Executive member for children, skills and employment

1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Cllr John welcomed attendees to the meeting

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

3 Notes and Matters Arising from the last meeting

- 3.1 Delays in the tendering of European Social Fund (ESF) funding posed a real risk to several programmes of support targeted at young people across London. It was agreed this would be raised at the next meeting of the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) and the London European Social Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee. The Young People's Education and Skills team would update the Board should there be further ESF developments.

4 Work plan 2016-17

- 4.1 Board members received a paper outlining the 2016-17 work plan for Young People's Education and Skills. Overall, there was strong support for the work-plan but it was suggested amendments needed to be made to strengthen the plan. It was agreed: (i) Area Based Reviews would be included; (ii) that those aspects of the special educational needs and disability reforms the Young People's Education and Skills team would be supporting should be explicitly stated, and; (iii) to more closely align with the work of the LEP and Greater London Authority (GLA), work relating to business, the economy and jobs should be made more prominent within the work plan.

5 Vision 2020

- 5.1 Board members were informed that during the course of the discussion and approval of this year's annual statement of priorities, it was agreed at the last Young People's Education and Skills Board meeting to consider the merits of publishing an updated vision of young people's education and skills in London to cover the current spending review period (to 2020).
- 5.2 The Board received a paper that outlined the advantages and disadvantages of producing a 2020 vision. Members stated that a vision up to 2020 that reflected the purpose and ambition of the Young People's Education and Skills Board was needed and it should complement the visions of organisations represented on the Board. There was a strong opinion in the room that, given the work undertaken by the LEP to agree young people's priorities within the over-arching Skills Vision for London, these priorities should form the basis of the vision.
- 5.3 It was agreed that a paper proposing a vision up to 2020 should be put forward to the Young People's Education and Skills Board.

6 London Ambitions update

- 6.1 Board members were provided with a verbal update from Yolande Burgess, Strategy Director Young People's Education and Skills, on the latest developments with London Ambitions. A London Ambitions champion had been identified in each London local authority, Prospects (delivering the National Careers Service agenda in London) has appointed a London Ambitions manager and Sam Gyimah MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Childcare and Education acknowledged London Ambitions as an exemplar in response to a parliamentary question.

- 6.2 A meeting has been arranged between London Councils, the LEP and Sam Gyimah MP to discuss London Ambitions in further detail so as to inform the Department for Education's career's strategy, which is due to be published in the spring. It was agreed that an update from this meeting would be shared with the Board at its next meeting.

7 Policy update

- 7.1 Board members received a report that highlighted some of the key policy changes and updates since the last meeting in November 2015.
- 7.2 The contents of the paper were noted by members.

8 Raising the Participation Age

- 8.1 Board members received a set of papers that outlined key performance data for London, namely GCSE, A level and other level 3 results, destination measures for key stage 4 and 5 pupils, and the latest statistics on young people not engaged in education, employment or training (NEET).
- 8.2 Board members: (i) noted the content of the paper and; (ii) agreed it would be helpful to have a fuller conversation at the next Young People's Education and Skills Board meeting on vocational routes to employment, particularly Apprenticeships.

9 AOB

- 9.1 There were no items of other business.