

Young People's Education and Skills Board

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Meeting Chair Gail Tolley

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Present

Gail Tolley	Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) (Chair)
Caroline Boswell	Greater London Authority (GLA)
Yolande Burgess	London Councils Young People's Education and Skills
Derek Harvey	Department for Work and Pensions
Tim Shields	Chief Executives London Committee
Zeena Cala	Skills Funding Agency
Ben Anderson	LEP Skills Employment Working Group (SEWG)

Guests and Observers

Michael Heanue	LEP officer
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Officer(s)

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

Apologies

Cllr Peter John OBE	Executive member for children, skills and employment
Jack Morris OBE	London Enterprise Panel (LEP)
Cllr David Simmonds	Shadow Executive member for children, skills and employment
Philip Barron	LEP Skills and Employment Working Group
Vic Farlie	London Work Based Learning Alliance
David Jeffrey	Education Funding Agency
Nick Lester-Davis	London Councils
Jill Lowery	Skills Funding Agency
Pat Reynolds	ALDCS
Dr Caroline Allen	Association of Colleges (AoC)/Association of National Specialist Colleges
Dr Graeme Atherton	AccessHE - Higher Education representative
Mary Vine-Morris	Association of Colleges London Region
Sir Frank McLoughlin CBE	AoC Further Education Colleges Representative

1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Gail Tolley welcomed attendees to the Board meeting and apologies were noted.
- 1.2 Attendees were informed that a number of existing Board members had recently announced their retirement and/or were moving on from their current employed position. Those organisations represented by individuals leaving/or who had already left would be putting forward replacements in due course in accordance with the Young People's Education and Skills Board constitution.

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

3 Notes and Matters Arising from the last meeting

- 3.1 Notes of the last meeting were formally approved.
- 3.2 The Board was informed that the next development stage of Skills Match had been put on hold until the new Mayor had formed the London Enterprise Partnership. Additionally, work continued through the ALDCS to improve the tracking of young people NEET and whose activity was not known.

4 Technical Education

- 4.1 The Board received a presentation about *Reforming Technical Education: The Skills Plan* that covered the *Technical Education Panel Report* and *The Skills Plan*. It was explained that productivity and skills in England lagged behind international standards and there continued to be a skills shortage.
- 4.2 Board members discussed the presentation and findings, it was agreed that the Department for Education (DfE) should be contacted to explore potential joint working with London to develop pathfinder routes for construction and digital.

5 Vision 2020

- 5.1 The Board received a paper that provided an update on the vision for Young People's Education and Skills 2020. Board members welcomed the update and stated that while it was important to reflect the London Area Based Review Steering Group Vision, it should not be the only focus. For instance, reforms to technical education and apprenticeships needed to be considered as part of Vision 2020. Additionally, the Young People's Education and Skills Vision 2020 should complement the Mayor's manifesto in relation to post-16 education.
- 5.2 Fulfilling the Young People's Education and Skills Board vision would be dependent on hard work and leadership from members as well as having sufficient resources. Insufficient funding levels from the government for education could prevent London realising the Vision 2020 ambitions. A detailed statement regarding the current funding envelope should be included in the Vision. It was agreed that the draft Vision 2020 should be presented to the Young People's Education and Skills Board at the meeting in November 2016.

6 Policy update

- 6.1 The YPES Board received a report that highlighted some of the key policy changes/updates since the last YPES Board meeting in February 2016
- 6.2 The results of the procurement of the London ESF Youth Programme had recently been announced by the Skills Funding Agency. London Councils is bidding for Technical Assistance funding to provide support to the London ESF Youth Programme.
- 6.3 The Board noted the contents of the paper.

7 Raising the Participation Age

- 7.1 The Board received information on London's position to Raising the Participation Age. Attention was drawn to changes the DfE would be implementing from September 2016 that meant local authorities will no longer be required to report on young people beyond the end of the academic year in which they had reached their 18th birthday. Young people aged 18 or 19 will continue to be entitled to support from their local authority to find work or reengage with learning.
- 7.2 DfE will also introduce a new headline measure in the NEET Scorecard to complement the prioritisation of 16 and 17 year-olds that combines the NEET and not known figures.
- 7.3 The Board noted the contents of the paper.

8 AOB

- 8.1 The Board was informed that the National Audit Office had begun an inquiry into school capital funding. London Councils would be encouraging boroughs to respond.