

Young People's Education & Skills Board

Proposal to consult on vision & strategy

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Summary This paper proposes that the Board embarks on a process of consultation with a view to producing a London 14-19 vision and strategy to 2015.

Recommendations London Councils: Young People's Education and Skills (YPES) Board members are asked to agree to the proposed consultation and its timeline.

1 Background and Introduction

- 1.1 London Councils published *Choice, Support, Success; priorities for 16-19 education and learning in London 2011/12* in November 2010. This recognised the significant shift in education policy following the election of the new coalition government, along with further changes in the management of 16-19 funding announced in the summer of 2010.
- 1.2 It was acknowledged that the intention to produce a five-year strategy for 14-19 education and learning, as envisaged in 2009, was no longer appropriate.
- 1.3 Subsequently, through policy announcements and the Education Bill, a clearer policy landscape has emerged. In particular, the confirmation of the Government's commitment to raising the participation age (RPA) to 17 in 2013 and 18 in 2015 provides additional certainty to the context in which a vision and strategy for 14-19 education and learning in London can be formulated.

2 Consultation

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Board embarks on a process of consultation with a view to producing a vision and strategy for young people's education and skills in London. In order for there to be a proper period of consultation and for the vision and strategy to be informed by the work of local authorities in terms of their Strategic Overview and RPA plans, it is envisaged that it will not be published until May 2012.
- 2.2 This will necessitate the production of a refreshed Regional Statement of Priorities in the autumn of 2011.
- 2.3 The indicative timeline for the consultation is as follows:

- The YPLA will be producing key data throughout spring / summer 2011 that boroughs will be use, with other forms of local intelligence, to prepare their Strategic Overviews by early autumn;
- Present draft consultation document and detailed consultation timescale to the YPES Board in November 2011
- Commence 12 week consultation in early January 2012 for completion at the end of March
- Produce the report on the consultation in April 2012 and publish the strategy in May 2012

2.4 It is still the intention that the vision and strategy are driven by the ambitions expressed in *Choice, Support, Success*:

“Working together and in partnership with colleges, schools and providers, London’s local government is uniquely placed to enable choice, provide support where it is needed most and ensure continued improvements in achievements, employability and success of London’s young people.”

3 Recommendation

3.1 YPES Board members are asked to agree to the proposed consultation and its indicative timeline.