

Leaders' Committee

Feedback from Joint Boards

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Summary

This report contains written feedback from the following joint boards:-

- London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP)
- Skills for Londoners (SfL)
- London Crime Reduction Board (LRCB)

Recommendations Leaders' Committee is asked to note the report.

London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) Feedback

1.0 Key points

Future of LEPs

There is continued uncertainty about the future of LEPs, leading some (but not London) to launch redundancy consultations. There is no timetable for the government to report on its review of LEPs, which was due in the summer.

Funding for Mayor's Academies Programme

The Board endorsed just over £20m to be reallocated to the Mayor's Academies Programme. This is to generate collaboration between employers, trade associations and training providers.

London Councils supports the Mayor's Academies Programme as it is part of the Good Work for All Londoners mission and helps specific business sectors meet their skills challenges.

Additional funding

The Board endorsed additional funding for a series of projects which boroughs will have an important role, including Night Time Enterprise Zones and the Thames Estuary Production Corridor.

We need to ensure that partners, including boroughs, are brought in at the earliest stages to help co-design and deliver these projects. For example the Thames Estuary Production Corridor work must tie in with the Thames Freeport development.

Skills for Londoners Briefing

1.0 Key points arising from the Skills for Londoners Board meeting, 17 November 2021

Cllr. Nesil Caliskan chaired the meeting. The main agenda items and issues discussed included:

- The Board received a presentation on research into **social prescribing and adult education**. It found there is an opportunity to increase social prescribing into adult education but capacity and resourcing are the key barrier. It was agreed that the Board should consider proposals on how the GLA might incentivise social prescribing within adult education at a future Board meeting.
- The GLA gave a presentation on proposals for developing a **Provider Quality Mark** within the Mayor's Academies programme.
- The GLA shared the final version of the **Skills Roadmap for London** (previously the Adult Education Roadmap) that was published on 31 January. It sets out how the Mayor will use the AEB to ensure skills provision is locally relevant, making an impact and accessible to Londoners. The Board requested that GLA should identify what success will look like as a result of the roadmap and how it intends to measure this, when the implementation plan is brought to the Board.
- The Board heard about the plans to refresh the **Local Skills Report for London** by February 2022. The report is meant to be the 'go-to' document for skills and labour market information and intelligence. The commitment to use more sub-regional data was welcomed by our members but we also pushed for more borough level data to be used.

London Crime Reduction Board (LCRB) Feedback

1.0 The London Rape Review

Claire Waxman, London's Victims' Commissioner, presented her report which highlighted a number of concerns, including the attrition rate for victims of rape in London using the criminal justice system, with only 1% of cases analysed reaching court. London Councils members called for urgency in addressing these issues and noted that it appeared the experience of victims and survivors of rape are getting worse. The important role of Violence Advisers (ISVAs) in supporting victims through the criminal justice systems was also noted along with the need for adequate resourcing for ISVAs.

2.0 MPS Operational Update

Whilst the MPS reported a number of positive crime trends compared to 2019-20, including reductions in the overall volume of violent crime, there was continuing concern about the need to respond across the partnership to:

- Teenage homicides
- Women's safety, including both domestic abuse and safety on the streets.

The MPS reported on its programme of activity which includes Dame Louise Cassey's inquiry into leadership, recruitment, training and professional standards in the MPS, which will examine misogyny amongst a number of other issues.

3.0 MPS Operational Update

The Prison and Probation Service reported on a shared approach to managing violent offenders and to identify opportunities to further strengthen the partnership response to reducing violence. Improvements are being considered including more consistent and effective interventions to high-risk groups both in custody and in the community.