

Notes

London 14-19 Regional Planning Group

Exceptional meeting of local authority members of the Operational Sub-Group

Date	28 th February 2011	Venue	Room 8, London Councils
Meeting Chair	Mary Vine-Morris		
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Attendance:

Members:

Mary Vine-Morris	RPG, Chair
Alison Moore	
Eamonn Gilbert	
Helen McNulty	
Jon Galligan	
John Hegerty	
Neil Larkin	
Ruth Griffiths	
Steve Cameron	

Officers:

Yolande Burgess
Jonathan Rawlings
Peter O'Brien

Apologies:

Diana Choulerton
Jo Baty
Trevor Cook
Wendy Forrest

1. Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 The meeting had been convened following the last Operational Sub-Group (OSG), held 4th February 2011 where it was agreed that the OSG members from local authorities should hold a separate detailed discussion covering:
- A paper produced by Yolande Burgess entitled "Local Authority Commissioning – Shaping 16-18 Provision from 2011/12" dated 4th February 2011,
 - More generally, the role of local authority members of OSG, in particular their relationship with cluster-groups, or inter-borough dialogues.

2. Local Authority Commissioning – Shaping 16-18 Provision from 2011/12
 - 2.1 Yolande Burgess introduced into discussion a further paper, “Ministerial Advisory Group on the role of the local authority (MAG): Future work programme” dated 19th January 2011 and produced by the Local Area Policy Unit of the Department for Education.
 - 2.2 In a wide-ranging discussion, the meeting proposed a number of detailed amendments to Yolande’s paper of 4th February. In particular, a need to reflect significant structural changes in the system, like RPA and CEIAG, was highlighted. The opportunity to use case studies and best practice to exemplify proposals was also noted.
 - 2.3 Yolande undertook to amend her paper accordingly and re-submit it to the OSG and disseminate to a wider local authority audience.

<i>Action:</i>	Yolande Burgess to amend the paper to reflect comments
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3. Role of local authority cluster representatives
 - 3.1 Those in attendance briefly outlined the changing landscape and resourcing of 14-19 teams across London. The meeting then reflected upon the ways of working that had developed in the RPG’s first year of operation and in particular the relative maturity of cluster groups, or inter-borough dialogues.
 - 3.2 It was recognised that OSG LA members had a responsibility to act as a conduit between cluster groups and OSG. However, it was noted that some local authorities who were not represented on OSG had voiced concerns that their opinions carried subsidiary weight in OSG’s deliberations. The 14-19 Conferences, though welcomed, were not seen as being an equivalent substitute to having a direct voice in the RPG’s decision-making
 - 3.2 The meeting also expressed a view that the emphasis of 14-19 Conferences should be for the local authorities to articulate their strategic needs to develop a London-wide picture.

<i>Recommendation:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the RPG ensures that papers for OSG and its working groups are made more accessible to a wider audience 2. That in addition to 14-19 Leads Conferences, the RPG should consider instating Local Authority Forum meetings (on RAG format - possibly one of each, every six months)
<i>Action:</i>	OSG to consider the recommendations of the meeting