

Notes

Young People's Education and Skills - Operational Sub-group

Date	6 May 2011	Venue	London Councils, Room 4
Meeting Chair	John Galligan		
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Attendees

Yolande Burgess	London Councils
Jo Baty (JB)	ESF/Redbridge
Nick Brenton (NB)	ALDCS
Diana Choulerton (DC)	South West Cluster/Ealing
<i>Chair:</i> John Galligan (JG)	West Central Cluster/Brent
Eamonn Gilbert (EG)	SWLSEP/RB of Kingston
Lorraine Downes (LD)	Central Cluster/Westminster
Michelle Cuomo (MC)	GLA/LSEB
Ali Kaye (AK)	LWBLA
Mike Pettifer (MP)	YPLA
Judith Smyth (JS)	Association of Colleges (AoC)
Steve Cameron (SC)	North East Cluster/Newham
Helen McNulty (HMcN)	LLDD Group/Hackney
Helen Richardson (HR)	Apprenticeships/Barking & Dagenham
Alison Moore (AM)	North West Cluster/Hillingdon
Peter O'Brien (POB)	London Councils
Jonathan Rallings (JR)	London Councils

Apologies

Mary Vine-Morris (MVM)	London Councils
Wendy Forest (WF)	ICYP Group/ Tower Hamlets
Trevor Cook (TC)	North East Cluster/Havering
Richard Tanton (RT)	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)
Ruth Griffiths (RG)	South Cluster/Lewisham
Neil Larkin (NL)	North Cluster/Waltham Forest
Jon Hegerty (JH)	Central Cluster/RBKC

In the Chairs absence the meeting agreed that John Galligan, having been nominated by Alison Moore, should be appointed Vice-Chair and in that capacity John then chaired the meeting.

1 Notes of the last meeting and action points, matters arising

- 1.1 The notes were agreed subject to the following amendment: item 1.3 replace "on EMA" in the first sentence with "to the Select Committee". Other than items on the agenda, there were no outstanding action points.

2 Success Rates

- 2.1 POB reported that during the week commencing 9 May the YPLA was making available 2009/10 success rate data for schools. This would enable comparison with FE colleges to be made. Previously released data was for 2008/09 and was intended for funding purposes only. The report on success rates will be produced for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION (68): POB to produce success rate report

3 CHOICE

- 3.1 YB provided an oral update on the transfer of CHOICE to UCAS, subject to the successful conclusion of negotiations. The Improving Choices for Young People Group (ICYP) will be kept closely informed of key decisions and will provide expert advice to support the transfer, including maintaining the currency of the data and interoperability with CCIS.

4 16-19 Bursary Fund

- 4.1 JR presented a paper - incorporating a draft response to the current consultation - that had been circulated in advance of the meeting. He noted the ensuing discussion during which members of the Group provided many detailed comments on the draft response to the consultation, including: 14-19 partnerships may wish to become more closely involved in developing criteria for the use of discretionary funds; many schools would welcome more guidance from their local authority as it would reduce bureaucracy in their institution; it is unclear whether the current 5% administration fee would be applied to the Bursary Fund; and the Bursary Fund does not replicate key benefits of EMA, which was 'real-time' support to participation.
- 4.2 MC undertook to share the GLA's submission with the group.

ACTION (74): JR to revise and arrange submission of the consultation submission

ACTION (75): MC to circulate GLA submission

5 National Careers Service

- 5.1 JR opened a discussion on the government's plans for the National Careers Service during which many members of the Group related their communications with DfE. Many detailed points, which JR noted and would incorporate in a revised paper to the Board. The meeting was assured that the ICYP Group maintained close oversight of this field of work.

ACTION (76): JR to produce paper for the Board

6 Strategy proposal

- 6.1 POB introduced a paper circulated in advance. In the discussion that followed members of the Group agreed that the proposal should be made to the Board but that there should be more emphasis on value-adding activities and greater distinction between a vision for London, which would have a wider appeal than local authorities alone; the strategy through which YPES will achieve its own work plan objectives; guidance on how local authorities' may develop their strategic overviews and plans; and operational guidance on the actions local authorities and partners may need to take. The vision and strategy must reflect the remit and aims of YPES.

ACTION (77): POB to produce paper for the Board and report back to the next meeting

7 YPES Workplan Monitoring – update May 2011

- 7.1 In MVM's absence, YB presented the report that had been circulated to members of the Group in advance and added that the questionnaire on 14-19 staffing had been circulated to all boroughs and replies were awaited from 12 Directors of Children's Services. LLDD workshops were held during week commencing 9 May and had been extremely well subscribed. The meeting noted the report.

8 WorldSkills London 2011

- 8.1 JR tabled an amended paper, which gave more up-to-date information than the version circulated with the agenda, on behalf of MVM and which the meeting noted and accepted.

9 ESF Steering Group – LA Representation

- 9.1 JB prefaced the discussion by updating the meeting with the latest information about the pre-NEET and NEET programmes. There had been – and continues to be – adjustments to the timetable, but an event for the successful bidders will be held by the Agency on 26 May and this will be followed by an opportunity for these contractors to network with local authority staff.
- 9.2 MVM joined the meeting. After discussing the paper on local authority representation, which had been provided with the agenda, the Group decided to appoint Eryl Shaw and Ann Mason to the ESF Steering Group in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of the Group's Terms of Reference.

ACTION (78): POB to notify the successful and unsuccessful nominees of the OSG's decision.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 HMcN agreed to meet separately with AK to explore in greater depth the issues facing some Foundation Learning providers supporting LLDD aged 19 or over.

ACTION (79): HMcN and AK to meet and advise the next meeting of any unresolved issues relating to LLDD

- 10.2 In response to a question from HR, JR advised that any issues around Apprenticeships should be advised to him in the first instance.
- 10.3 Group members expressed concern about the future of work experience. POB is meeting with the London EBP Network shortly and will report back to the next meeting.

ACTION (80): POB to report back to the next meeting on his meeting with LEBPN.

- 11 Next meeting:** Friday 10 June, London Councils meeting room 4, 10-12noon