

## Actions and Matters Arising from 14 February RPG Board meeting

<b>ACTION POINTS</b>		
3.1	London Councils to lobby DfE on 4 yr Funding Commitment	RPG has now received copy of special purpose grant from the DfE of funding for 2011/12. The amount for the financial year is £630,754 – a 9.1% reduction on the previous year. The department advised that “Further discussions are also needed about the remainder of the Spending Review period so therefore, at this stage, there is no commitment beyond 2011-12” Letter went to DfE. Sarah Healey, Director on 19 April making case for funding to 2014/15. Advised 23 May that she will consider the case this week.
4.1	Raising the Participation Age to be added to future agenda	Substantive item for November meeting
6.5i	Constitution to be amended to reflect refocused role of RPG	Completed. Copy on website
6.5ii	Proposals for the representation of the Learner Voice	On the agenda
6.8	SR to be presented with details of discussion on new name for RPG	Chair decision was made and communicated to members: London Council's: Young People's Education and Skills. New name communicated to key stakeholders and partners
7.5	Members to be kept informed on progress on Worldskills London (5-8 October 2011)	As at end of April 2011 around 250 schools in London have confirmed they will be attending or participating in WorldSkills London 2011 and approximately 15,000 young people (of which 6388 have signed up to Junior Worldskills).  YPES continues to be actively involved in the London Management Group and has recently been a member of the regional selection panels for 'Have-a-Go' and Showcasing and the national panel for Showcasing. London providers have been well-represented in the bids received and in the successful providers chosen.  Volunteering is going slowly and needs some support.
8.3	A further in-depth analysis on Apprenticeship Performance for future meeting	Item for November meeting



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		In the meantime it is worth reporting that the London Local Government commitment to deliver 2000 apprenticeship places by April 2012 is well on track. 831 new apprenticeships (of which 47% were 16-18) were delivered in 2010-11 bringing the total up to 1802 since 2009. Hard copies of the performance data for the scheme is available at the meeting.
10.4	All Age Careers Service to be discussed more fully at next RPG	On the agenda
<b>OTHER MATTERS ARISING</b>		
	Information on 2010/11 under spend	<p>The 2010/11 planned under spend which arose as a result of mid-year funding reductions and contract efficiencies. Last meeting reported an intended £10k reimbursement to local authorities following London Councils external audit.</p> <p>As a result of consideration of the review of the London Councils Grants Programme Leaders Committee decided to use these funds to off-set the additional LA liability arising from the Grants Programme budget shortfall. Some 14-19 Officers have expressed concern about implications for funding plans and commitments</p>
	Update on ESF	<p>The RPG/YPLA/Skills Funding Agency Youth specifications for preventative NEET (£15.6m) and Apprenticeship (£5.2m) activity have awarded contracts to 16 providers across London. Briefing event for contractors this Thursday – opportunity to meet Local Authorities</p> <p>The RPG, YPLA and Skills Funding Agency have successfully put in place contingency arrangements to secure the NEET provision (£15m) which the LDA had intended to commission. The Skills Funding Agency has launched its PQQ for the ESF NEET specifications and activity should be in place for September</p>