

# Young People's Education and Skills: Apprenticeship Sub-Group

### **AGENDA**

Chair: Andy Scott Job title: Service Head for Economic Development

**Date:** 11 March 2014 **Time:** 10.00 – 12.00

**Venue:** London Councils, meeting room 6

Officer: Anna-Maria Volpicelli Email: Anna-maria.volpicelli@londoncouncils.gov.uk

Item 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies AS

Item 2. Notes of the last meeting and matters arising AS

(for agreement)

Item 3. Update from sub-group members (to be emailed in) All

Item 4. The London Professional Apprenticeship Sara Caplan

PwC

Item 5. Effective working with training providers All

Item 6. Apprenticeship Funding Reform (Technical Consultation) MVM

Item 7. London Councils Data Collection DN

Item 8. Any Other Business All

Identifying future topics

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 June 2014, 10-12 noon, London Councils, Room 6

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## Young People's Education and Skills (YPES) Local Authority Apprenticeship Sub-Group

Date 3 December 2013 Venue London Councils

Meeting Chair Andy Scott, Service Head for Economic Development

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#### Attendance:

Members:

Albena Karameros London Borough of Islington
Aelswith Frayne London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Andy Scott (Chair)

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Denise Atkinson

London Borough of Lewisham

Dianna Neal London Councils

Forogh Rahmani GLA

Hannah Ashworth
Javad Ossoulian
Jo Margrie

London Borough of Croydon
London Borough of Hackney
Hackney Learning Trust

Kelly McMorran-Barnard GLA

Maria Thompson Havering FE College

Mark Booth London Borough of Camden

Mary Vine-Morris London Councils

Negat Lodhi NAS

Rachel Dowse London Borough of Barking & Dagenham

Sarah Sargent London Borough of Wandsworth
Vanita Nicholls London Borough of Ealing
Victoria Swarbrick London Borough of Brent

**Officers** 

Anna Dent London Councils
Helen Crumley London Councils

**Apologies** 

Chris Cox Royal Borough of Kingston

Fred Titterington CITB/Cskills Helen Steel UNISON

Jo Clemente London Borough of Enfield

Mick Hadgraft TUC

Nicola Mayell London Work-based Learning Alliance

Nina Scuffil London Borough of Camden Stephen Regalado London Borough of Lambeth

Tessa Staniforth Transport for London

Vic Farlie London Work-based Learning Alliance

#### 1 Welcome Introductions and apologies

1.1 AS welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted.

#### 2 Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 The notes of the last meeting were agreed.

#### 3 Update from sub-group members

- 3.1 NL provided an update from NAS. It was agreed that this would be uploaded with the papers of the meeting
- 3.2 It was agreed that borough representatives should email their updates to Mary Vine-Morris for compilation and subsequent uploading to the webpage.

Action: Borough representatives to send updates to Anna-Maria Volpicelli (anna-maria.volpicelli@londoncouncils.gov.uk) by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 for uploading with papers for the next meeting

Post-meeting note: An update from LB Ealing has been uploaded with the papers for the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

#### 4 Procurement

- 4.1 DN gave an overview of the London Councils Procurement Pledge which was designed to prompt skills and employment benefits locally; including apprenticeship opportunities. It was noted that performance on apprenticeships had been static and there was a suggestion of under-reporting.
- 4.2 Facilitated by a series of presentations from LB Hackney (on facilitation / skills match) LB Lewisham (on higher-level engagement) and LB Tower Hamlets (on follow-up and monitoring), the meeting discussed progress in implementing the Procurement Pledge and pilots funded by NAS in LB Lewisham, LB Barking & Dagenham and the West London Alliance.

Post-meeting note: supporting information from LB Lewisham and London First has been uploaded to the webpage.

- 4.3 DN circulated two 'Mythbuster' leaflets one targeted at boroughs and one at suppliers. This had been developed by London First and London Councils to challenge some of the most common misconceptions about delivering skills and employment outcomes through contract procurement.
- 4.4 A key learning point from borough experience was the importance of senior management buy in and support from professional officers. It was agreed in principle to renew the Procurement Pledge by London Councils. Boroughs should review locally the ways in which economic development and procurement teams work together in each borough.

Action: MVM, DN and AS to take forward through London Councils: Leaders Committee in January 2014.

#### 5 GLA Presentation

5.1 Forogh Rahmani and Kelly McMorran-Barnard gave a presentation on the GLA's Apprenticeships Campaign Spring 2013 evaluation. The target for Apprenticeship take-up was 250,000 starts by 2016 (this compares with 108,000 in the current year).

Action: London Councils to discuss further with GLA opportunities for boroughs to link up with/promote GLA campaign.

Action: DN to send GLA details of local authority employer engagement projects.

#### 6 AOB

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>h</sup> March 2014, 10.00-12.00, meeting room 6, London Councils.