

Report – Education Board

Education Strategy 2016-2019

To be presented on Thursday, 21st April 2016

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and
Commons of the City of London in Common Council
assembled.*

SUMMARY

This report outlines the background to the City of London Corporation's proposed Education Strategy 2016-2019. It describes the process through which the strategy has been developed by the Education Board before providing the strategy's vision statement. The report then briefly describes the three strategic objectives within the strategy, namely the aim to ensure that the City's cultural and historical resources enrich the learning experience of London's learners; that all City of London Corporation education providers are deemed 'outstanding'; and that young Londoners in the City's schools and academies and beyond have access to the information and advice they need to help them progress into fulfilling careers.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to approve the enclosed City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2016-2019.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. On 24 October 2013 the Court of Common Council endorsed the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013 – 2015 and on 1 May 2014 approved the establishment of an Education Board to oversee its implementation.
2. Following the agreement of a framework for the next iteration of the Education Strategy at the Education Board's meeting in October 2015, a draft Education Strategy for 2016 – 2019 was developed and considered by the Education Board at its meeting on 3 December 2015. In February 2016, Officers held a workshop for Members of the Education Board and consultation sessions for Members of the Court of Common Council and have updated the draft Education Strategy 2016 – 2019 to incorporate feedback recorded at these meetings.

Current position

3. The draft Education Strategy 2016 – 2019 contains a refreshed vision for the City of London Corporation's education 'offer', namely

The City of London Corporation (the City Corporation) is committed to providing access to world-class education and learning opportunities. It will optimise the educational opportunities that its cultural, heritage and environmental assets offer. In particular, the City Corporation will provide educational experiences that reflect the common characteristics for which it is world-renowned, combining creativity, innovation and enterprise alongside tradition and continuity. It will also connect City opportunities and the talent of Londoners to reinforce City competitiveness and support London's communities.

Furthermore, the City Corporation's schools will provide educational experiences that enrich and inspire. The City Corporation will also be responsive to and influence the changing education landscape, welcoming appropriate opportunities to expand its education portfolio and extend educational opportunities.

4. The draft Education Strategy 2016 – 2019 also sets out three strategic objectives, each with prioritised actions that will be delivered under the strategy. This is followed by a detailed chapter on each objective which provides additional information on context, prioritised actions, and success criteria. The strategy is included as an appendix and the three objectives are outlined below.
5. The strategy aims to **ensure that the City of London Corporation's outstanding cultural and historical resources enrich the creative experience of London's learners**. It will do this through promoting access to the City Corporation's cultural venues through a school visits fund; promoting greater joint working between the City Corporation's cultural venues; establishing a City of London Cultural Education Partnership, and promoting the national science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) agenda.
6. It also aims to **ensure that all existing City of London Corporation education providers are deemed 'outstanding' within three years of joining the City of London Corporation's education portfolio**. This will be achieved in part through the implementation of an agreed governance and accountability framework and encouraging school clustering arrangements based on geographical location.
7. The strategy also seeks to **ensure that young Londoner's in the City's schools and academies and beyond have access to the information, advice and experiences that will help them progress into fulfilling careers**. This will be achieved through promoting work-related learning and work interactions, access to quality and reliable careers advice, and using destination data to improve outcomes for young people.

Conclusion

8. Your Education Board is confident that the refreshed Education Strategy 2016-19 provides the requisite framework for the oversight and development of the City of London Corporation's education 'offer' over the next three years, including the continuing work undertaken by the City Corporation to build relationships with the Livery and City businesses. It is therefore submitted to the Court of Common Council for approval.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2016.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Chairman, Education Board