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Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**. A memo of the in-principle invitees to Education Board funded events is included in **Appendix 2**.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on recent events and activities across the three strategy areas.
- Note the calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year in **Appendix 1**.
- Approve the memo of in-principle invitees to Education Board funded events in **Appendix 2**.

Main Report

Education

1. Mental Health First Aid Training – 3 May 2019

At the Education Board meeting on 17 May 2018, Members noted that the Education Unit would be offering staff in the Family of Schools the opportunity to undertake Mental Health First Aid training, joint funded by the Education Board and Public Health. The Mental Health First Aid Champion One-Day course was chosen as the most appropriate course as it uses a 'champion' model whereby attendees are trained as trainers of their colleagues in the school. The training took place on 3 May 2019 and was attended by 16 members of staff from across both primary and secondary schools in the Family of Schools. The training delivers on the Education Strategy by enabling school staff to promote and foster healthy lifestyles and positive mental wellbeing.

2. City Schools' Subject Dinner (Creative Arts) – 27 June 2019

On 27 June 2019, pupils in Year 11 and the Sixth Form from across the Family of Schools were invited to the annual Subject Dinner. This year's dinner was themed on the creative arts. The pupils were selected for their interest in creative arts subjects and careers in creative industries. The pupils were joined by professionals from across creative sectors who sat with the pupils during the dinner and rotated around tables between courses. The focus of the table discussions was on creative industry jobs and the education and experience pathways to jobs in the creative industries. Caroline Haines, Member of the Education Board, closed the evening. The event supported the Education and

Skills Strategies through enabling pupils to have exposure to the world of work and supports the Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy by ensuring that the creative industries are represented in world of work experiences.

Cultural & Creative Learning

3. Art Exhibition – 24-27 June 2019

Pupils from across the Family of Schools were invited to exhibit a selection of artwork in the Guildhall's Ambulatory. A mix of drawings, paintings, collage, sculpture and digital art installations were on public exhibition to Members, officers and the general public. The event supports the delivery of the Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy by providing opportunities for schools to nurture talent, and for pupils to develop their creative potential and perform/exhibit in quality venues.

Skills

4. Future Cities Meeting – 7 June 2019

To support the Education Board's Fusion Skills agenda and deliver on the 2018/19 Action Plan initiative to deliver "Five high profile digital and fusion skills influencing events during the year", the Education Unit invited public and private sector stakeholders from across five cities in the United Kingdom (UK) and six cities in mainland Europe to the first 'Future Cities' meeting. The aim of the meeting was to raise the profile of the City Corporation's Fusion Skills agenda and to provide a platform for cities, businesses and NGOs to share their current approaches to combining education, culture and industry to develop and promote Fusion Skills. The structure of the meeting was a free-flowing series of short and focused group discussions for colleagues to share their work, think out loud, and collaborate on solutions. The day also featured 'torchlight moments' which were designed to disrupt the discussions by provoking debate, and featured several organisations pioneering cutting-edge ed-tech solutions to the development of Fusion Skills. The interactive feedback and write-ups from the meeting form part of the bank of research supporting the work on Fusion Skills and will inform the next steps of the 2019/20 Action Plan.

Memo of in-principle invitees to Education Board funded events

5. At previous meetings, Education Board Members have asked for clarity on who is invited to Education Board funded events over the academic year. A proposed memo on the in-principle invitees to events is included in **Appendix 2**. Members are asked to approve the memo to inform the invitations for events over the 2019/20 academic year.

Appendices

- **Appendix 1** – Calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year linked to the Education, Cultural & Creative Learning, and Skills Strategies.
- **Appendix 2** – Memo of in-principle invitees to Education Board funded events.

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