

<b>Committee(s)</b> Education Board	<b>Dated:</b> 09/09/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Update	Public
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	3, 8, 9, 10
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N
<b>If so, how much?</b>	N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	N/A
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N/A
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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### Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities delivered across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills. Members should note that the period since the last meeting has been the academic summer holidays where partnership activity is generally in recess. The 2021/22 calendar is included as **Appendix 1**.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on events and activities delivered since the last meeting.
- Note the calendar of forums and events to be delivered over the 2021/22 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Education Board has oversight of three strategies: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills (2019-23).

#### Current Position

2. The period since the last meeting of the Education Board has been the academic summer holidays. This update therefore focuses on summer activity only.
3. Culture and Commerce Taskforce – Creative Skills Project

Chaired by the Lord Mayor in partnership with the City of London Corporation and Culture Mile, the Culture and Commerce Taskforce assembles leading figures from across the capital to address the challenges faced by the cultural and creative industries in the City, and London more widely, through better connecting the cultural and commercial sectors. The taskforce proposed a creative skills event, potentially forming part of the wider Skills London programme, responding to challenges facing young people leaving school seeking employment in the post-pandemic landscape and reminding them of the range of opportunities and pathways into creative sector jobs. However, the scoping work revealed that a difficulty for young people, especially those in under-represented talent groups, is finding clear information about the range of jobs available in the creative industries, the likelihood of employment in these industries, and the likely salary and other prospects that promote flourishing. This prevents them choosing art subjects at school.

4. This project, led by the Education Strategy Unit and Culture Mile Learning focused on closing the gap through the development of a targeted, simple co-created resource. A group of 9 young people from 7 schools met over the week of 23-27 August 2021 for a summer workshop to work together to develop a resource that addresses the identified challenge.

The key objectives of the summer workshop were to:

- Provide a youth-led forum to explore the barriers to choosing creative subjects in schools at A-Levels and GCSEs
- Support young people from under-represented talent groups see creative jobs as a viable career option
- Support organisations to make tangible steps towards joint action between the creative and commercial sector to welcome young people into creative jobs in the City
- Target and reach young people from underrepresented talent groups including backgrounds and experiences and are indicative of the demographics of London
- Develop resources that is valuable and useable to give quick insight into creative careers

#### 5. London Careers Festival Summer Resources

LCF 2021 had a strong focus on achieving long-term impact. In part, this has been achieved by providing ongoing access to resources and opportunities which schools, pupils, parents and other interested individuals can access, free of charge, via the London Careers Festival website throughout the year. The LCF website has a comprehensive resources page which is filterable by audience, age, resource type and industry/sector which features a number of relevant opportunities for pupils including resources featured during the week of the Festival and those provided by other partners before and since. The full suite of resources can be accessed at:

<https://www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk/resources/>

### **Upcoming activities**

6. Education Board Away Day – 11 October 2021

The Education Board Away Day scheduled to take place on 11 October 2021 from 14:00-17:00 at the Newham Collegiate Sixth Form College aims to bring Board Members together to discuss strategic priorities, long-term vision, and assess the effectiveness of the Board in delivering its core aims. The central theme of the day is on 'Defining social mobility across Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills' acknowledging that accessibility, inclusion and social mobility are core pillars of the Education Board's tripartite of strategies. The focus will be on defining social mobility in the context of the Education Board's remit and levers, hearing from key experts to frame and contextualise the discussions. The agenda will be circulated to Members of the Education Board.

7. Standards Scrutiny Meetings – 1-5 November 2021

The Standards Scrutiny Meetings are an important aspect of the Accountability Framework to ensure exceptional education is delivered through the City Corporation's sponsored academies. The meetings take place over a number of days (1-5 November 2021 in the 2021/22 academic year) led by the CEO and Chief Standards Officer in the City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT) and the Strategy Education and Skills Director at the City Corporation. The Chair of the Education Board is invited to attend the meetings as a member of the scrutiny panel. An update on the findings and recommendations from the Scrutiny Meetings will be submitted to the Education Board meeting on 3 December 2021.

8. City Schools' Conference – 23 November 2021

This academic year, the City Schools' Conference will be delivered jointly with the Foundation for Education Development (FED) in tandem with their celebrations for 150 years of state-funded education in the United Kingdom. The conference will take place on 23 November 2021 from 15:30-19:45 in The Livery Hall and historic Crypts of the Guildhall. The conference will be in two parts. From 15:30-18:00, there will be an interactive, discussion-based schools' conference focusing on a number of key challenges and opportunities faced by schools, with options of sessions for schools to join hosted and facilitated by subject experts. This will be followed by a social reception for attendees before moving onto the celebration event hosted by FED to celebrate the contribution education makes to our society. Members of the Education Board are invited to attend both parts of the conference and will receive calendar invitations and the agenda.

**Calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year**

9. The provisional calendar of events and forums for the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**. The Education Unit have been prudent in regard to confirming face-to-face events and are ready to respond to Government announcements regarding the health and safety of attendees. Furthermore, in consultation with schools and partners through Forum meetings, there has been a widespread preference for a hybrid model moving forward where both online and face-to-face formats are utilised. As a general principle, the dates and times

of regular forum meetings have been confirmed, and the coordination of larger scale events, and events aimed at pupils, are currently 'TBC' as the Education Unit continue to consult with schools and plan the delivery of the 2021/22 action plan.

### **Options**

N/A

### **Key Data**

N/A

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

N/A. This report is for information only.

### **Conclusion**

Members of the Education Board have been updated on recent events and activities across the tripartite of strategies as well as upcoming events and activities over the 2020/21 academic year, and into the 2021/22 academic year.

### **Appendices**

- **Appendix 1** – Calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year.

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