

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 03/02/2021
Subject: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 8, 9 & 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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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. A calendar of meetings, forums and events for the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on Autumn events and activities across the three strategy areas.
- Note the calendar of forums and events 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

Education

2. City' Schools Conference - Tuesday 23 November

On Tuesday 23 November, the Education Strategy Unit hosted the City Schools Conference in the Livery Hall. They partnered with the Foundation for Education Development (FED) to celebrate 150 years of State Education in England. 48 participants from the Family of Schools and beyond were split into 4 workstreams to discuss thought provoking topics involving future plans, developing

frameworks, equality and inclusion and sustaining excellent education. This was followed by a reception in The Crypts with a jazz ensemble played by pupils from Shoreditch Park Academy. Finally, a celebration of the 150th anniversary of State Education in England included keynote speeches from Alderman and Sheriff Nicholas Lyons, Professor Dame Alison Peacock and Robin Walker MP. FED ambassadors interviewed Sir Michael Barber on his new book '1988-2021: How Seventeen Secretaries of State for Education, through Thirty Years of Constant Change, Enabled the System to Improve' They also announced winners of the '150 Years - 150 Words' poetry competition. The conference was a success with an attendance of 125 participants.

3. Introduction to Safeguarding and

Advanced Safeguarding Governors' Training (virtual) - 8 December 2021

The Introduction to Safeguarding and Advanced Safeguarding training took place on 8 December 2021 and was attended by Governors and Designated Safeguarding Leads across the Family of Schools. The training sessions were delivered by an independent Safeguarding Consultant who encouraged participants to ask questions and discussions the training materials in the context of their schools. The attendance to these training sessions was disappointing with both sessions being almost exclusively attended by one academy. The Education Unit, along with the City of London Academies Trust, will be working with the Chair of Governors of each school to ensure good attendance for future training sessions.

Proposals

Upcoming

4. City Schools Music Workshops:

Two creative physical workshops will be delivered to each school focused on composition skills. Two composers, Paul Griffiths and Sigrun Saevarsdottir-Griffiths will host these workshops for eight schools across the Family of Schools. The workshops are tailored according to the needs of the individual music departments but generally involved a singing and composition workshop. The Education Unit are looking into hosting a listening event to showcase the pieces.

16. The calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

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 their three strategy areas as well as upcoming events and activities over the 2021/22 academic year

Appendix 1 – Calendar of Forums and Events over the 2021/22 Academic Year

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