

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 23/06/2022
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**. A provisional calendar of forums and events over the 2022/23 academic year in **Appendix 2**.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on the events for the remainder of this academic year and activities across the three strategy areas.
- Note the full calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year in **Appendix 1**.
- Note the provisional calendar of forums and events for the 2022/23 academic year in **Appendix 2**.

Main Report

Background

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

Current Position

2. Education Board Dinner

After two years of not being able to hold the Education Board Dinner due to the Covid19 pandemic, on Monday 9 May 2022, the Education Board hosted their annual board dinner with around 100 people in attendance. Guests included officers, members, businesses, cultural partners, pupils and staff within the family

of schools who have contributed to the work of the board and strategies. Brilliant performances occurred from pupils within the Family of Schools which included singing, dancing, instrumentalists, inspiring stories and poetry reading from pupils in Primary school up to Sixth Form. The guest speaker for the dinner was Lord Simon Woolley, principal at Homerton College at Cambridge university, who emphasised the importance of social mobility and praised the work the Education Board are doing to improve and enhance education experiences for young people.

3. Skills Event

On 17 May the Education Unit, including the Ed-En Hub and Connecting Communities project and CareerEar hosted a symposium on Skills in the Future of Work. The event was attended by high level experts and stakeholders in the skills area from education, enterprise and the third sector to discuss the themes of: Defining the skills, inclusive skills development, and education and enterprise partnerships. The event featured the launch of the CareerEar report on skills and highlighted the European work around Education and Enterprise partnerships. The focus was on ensuring inclusion and connecting communities. A report is being published to follow the event, capturing the conversations had by the high-level experts that attended.

4. Social Mobility Breakfast

With the Education's Board key strategic focus on social mobility, the Board hosted a Social Mobility Breakfast inviting members from across the Court of Common Council to partake in discussions around this important topic. This event allowed members to directly hear the work delivered under the auspices of the Education, Skills, and Culture and Creative Learning strategies the Education Board is doing which is helping to enable an environment that can support people, regions and firms in fulfilling their full potential. This was an extremely useful session with officer and members able to collaborate, ask questions and discuss way to build upon the work already occurring.

Proposals

Upcoming

5. London Careers Festival

The London Careers Festival 2022 will build on the success of previous years by offering a blended approach to careers education, with a virtual fair the week beginning 20 June and an in-person festival at the Guildhall the week beginning 27 June. The programme of events is carefully curated to offer pupils and teachers the chance to explore a wide range of careers and skills development opportunities, to take part in practical career-focused activities, and to hear directly from experts and businesses. Find more information on:

www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk

6. Environmental Picnic Day

Connecting with the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, the Environmental Picnic Days will take place at Epping Forest on the 14 and 15 September where 120 students will attend. The project will be project managed by the Natural

Environment Learning team, with school engagement support from the Education Strategy Unit. Pupils will engage in workshop activities in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch. The day will finish with each school group being presented with a sapling which they will take back to their respective school to plant and to care for in the years ahead.

7. The calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.
8. The provisional calendar of forums and events over the 2022/23 academic year in **Appendix 2**.

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 for the remainder of this academic year and for next academic year, 2022/23.

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

Appendix 2 – Provisional Calendar of Forums and Events over the 2022/23 Academic Year

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