

Committee(s): Education Board	Dated: 09/10/2024
Subject: Update on work undertaken by Sir Alan Wood CBE	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse Engaged Communities • Providing Excellent Services • Leading Sustainable Environment
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
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 the work undertaken by Sir Alan Wood CBE. Sir Alan was invited by the Town Clerk to work with the City of London Corporation, City of London Academy Trust and the four independent schools on the current risks and opportunities presenting within the educational landscape. The brief for the consultancy work was consulted and shared at the outset.

- Members are invited to note the summary outcomes in appendix 1.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the summary outcomes of Sir Alan's consultancy work.

Main Report

Background

1. In the context of the Town Clerk, Executive Director of Community and Children's Services, Strategic Director of Education and Skills and Chair of the Education Board being relatively new in post and role, Sir Alan Wood CBE

was invited by the Town Clerk to work with key stakeholders and offer views on risks and opportunities emerging.

2. The consultancy brief was circulated, amended and approved by the Town Clerk and Policy and Resources committee in October 2023.
3. Sir Alan and the Town Clerk agreed that the consultancy work had come to an end in May 2024.
4. The City of London Corporation thanks Sir Alan for his work and insight.

Current Position

5. There is much to be reassured by in Sir Alan's findings, and clarity on work to be delivered moving forward on behalf of the Corporation's interest in education. This will be progressed by stakeholders detailed in Appendix 1, the Education Board and the Education Strategy Unit.

Options

6. To note the contents of Appendix 1.

Conclusion

7. This report and Appendix 1 inform Members of the outcome of Sir Alan's work and concludes by thanking him.

Strategic Implications

8. Sir Alan has offered his view on the Education Strategy which Members approved on 17th June 2024. Sir Alan has also suggested a CoLAT Company Members Terms of reference which Trustees will bring to Company Members.

Financial Implications

9. None

Resource Implications

10. None, existing approved resources will continue to be deployed.

Legal Implications

11. None

Risk Implications

12. None

Equalities Implications

13. None

Climate Implications

14. None

Security Implications

15. None

Appendices

- **Appendix 1:** Conclusions of Sir Alan Wood CBE's consultancy work with the City of London Corporation and key stakeholders.