

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Subject:</b> Education Strategy Development Plan	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
<p>This report outlines the processes that the Education Unit has put in place to monitor the implementation of the Education Strategy and ensure that the Education Board receives regular updates which enable it to efficiently and effectively exercise its oversight responsibilities.</p> <p>The Education Strategy Development Plan (Appendix 1) is used by the Education Unit to record and monitor the progress of each recommendation made in the Education Strategy. An Education Strategy Update Report will be a standing item at all Board meetings and will provide Members with information about key developments in the delivery of the Education Strategy. A report on the Education Strategy Development Plan will be submitted annually.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
<p>Members are asked to read and note the background information contained in this report.</p>	

## Main Report

### **Background**

1. The City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–15 established five strategic objectives. Each objective is underpinned by a series of recommendations. Every recommendation identifies a key deliverable that the City is seeking to achieve and details specific actions that will facilitate this.
2. The Education Strategy Development Plan records each deliverable and its associated actions, identifies which strategic objective(s) it meets, and tracks the progress of each deliverable. The Education Strategy Development Plan enables the Education Unit to monitor and report on the implementation of the Education Strategy.

## **Purpose**

3. This report provides Members with an update on key developments in the delivery of the Education Strategy. Each of the five strategic objectives is addressed with examples of recent work and future activities. The Education Board will receive a comprehensive report on the Education Strategy Development Plan annually.

## **Education Strategy Update Report**

### Strategic Objective 1: To promote and support excellent education and access to higher education

4. The Headteachers Forum has been established and is currently developing proposals to share best practice and discuss opportunities for collaboration.
5. The Policy Officer is in post and acting as the link between the City and its family of schools. The Education Unit and Economic Development Office (EDO) are working closely together to ensure that the City schools are aware of, and have access to, the support and opportunities that the City has to offer.
6. A report will be tabled at the April 2015 meeting of the Education Board to outline the current provision of careers advice and support, and identify areas for service improvement.

### Strategic Objective 2: To strive for excellence in the City schools

7. At its inaugural meeting, the Education Board allocated each City academy and Redriff Primary School additional funding to support projects that will add value to the educational offer already provided at the schools.
8. The Education Unit is conducting a skills audit of all City schools, the findings of which will be used to spread best practice and increase collaboration.
9. The Education Strategy Adviser is developing a common monitoring framework which will be used to provide the Education Board with termly reports on standards across the City schools.

Strategic Objective 3: To inspire children through an enriched education and outreach opportunities

10. The Outreach Forum has been established with regular meeting slots and secretariat support. The Forum provided an update report to the Education Board in June and will provide future updates as appropriate.
11. The Outreach Forum is developing plans for: a school visits fund to enable the schools across London to access the City's offer; an initiative to address issues such as homophobia, racism and substance abuse; and a programme and website to mark the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire of London.

Strategic Objective 4: To promote an effective transition from education to employment

12. Following a comprehensive review of activity, a post in EDO has been remodelled to take responsibility for co-ordinating all employer-facing employability activity. It is anticipated that the new Business Engagement Manager will be in post by October 2014.
13. The membership of the City's Employability Group has been reviewed and all relevant internal departments are now represented on the group, membership of which will be kept under review by the new Business Engagement Manager.
14. All secondary academies have been provided with a leaflet which shows EDO's offer (plus apprenticeships).

Strategic Objective 5: To explore opportunities to expand the City's education portfolio and influence on education throughout London

15. The Town Clerk's Department will table a report at the October meeting of the Education Board to outline the City's current spending on education activities across all departments.
16. The Chairman of the Education Board is hosting a meeting between Lord Nash, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools, and senior business leaders to identify ways in which the City can support and encourage senior business leaders to support schools in a non-executive capacity.
17. The Livery Education Working Party (LEWP) has now considered and analysed how Livery Companies are currently engaging with education. The report of the LEWP setting out its findings and outcomes will be tabled at the October Education Board meeting.
18. The Education Board will consider opportunities to expand the City's education portfolio as part of the budget allocation process for the next financial year.

## **Recommendation**

19. Members are asked to read and note the background information contained in this report.

## **Appendix**

- Appendix 1 – Education Strategy Development Plan

## **Background paper**

City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–15.

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