

TO: **EDUCATION BOARD**

Thursday, 16 October 2014

FROM: **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 3 July 2014

LIVERY EDUCATION REVIEW

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk, together with a report of the Livery Education Working Party (LEWP), concerning the outcome of the Working Party's review of the contribution made by the Livery to education.

Henry Colthurst, the Chairman of the LEWP, was in attendance and was heard in support of the review. He highlighted the differing governance structures amongst Livery companies; the varying levels of involvement with education and the importance of maintaining a mechanism to co-ordinate and to facilitate educational activities. He advised that the Livery Schools Link in its current form was under resourced and that the Working Party was of the view that it needed to be restructured, with appropriate financial support from the City Corporation, so that it provided a service that worked for the City.

Members supported the broad thrust of the Working Party's proposal, particularly as it would provide much needed advice and support in this area of work. The Committee questioned whether it was appropriate to call the new office the "Lord Mayor's Education Office" as it might result in the perception that this was a City Corporation initiative. It was also felt that Livery companies should be encouraged to contribute to the funding of the new education office.

RESOLVED – That the findings of the LEWP be noted and that the report be referred to the Education Board together with the above-mentioned comments to be progressed as appropriate.