

Committee:	Date:
Education Board	16 October 2014
Subject: Education Strategy Update Report	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
Summary	
<p>This report provides Members with information about key developments in the delivery of the Education Strategy. A report including the full Education Strategy Development Plan will be submitted bi-annually.</p>	
Recommendation	
<p>Members are asked to note the information contained in this report.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–2015 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.

Purpose

2. 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.

Education Strategy Update

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

3. The Headteachers' Forum met on 19 September and had a productive discussion. It was agreed that a series of joint events will be developed for the spring and summer terms and that Heads of Sixth Form would collaborate to raise attainment at Key Stage 5 and increase the number of students applying to Russell Group Universities and Oxbridge.

4. The Education Unit and Chamberlain's Department have submitted a report to the October Education Board which outlines the headline City funding contributions to education activity. Officers will update this paper and seek additional information so that a more detailed version can be reviewed by Members when they allocate the Board's funding for the next financial year.
5. The Education Strategy Adviser's report analysing this summer's examination results from the City schools, and the performance of the primary schools, provides Members with an overview of the current levels of educational attainment and access to higher education.

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

6. A process for Governor appointments was tabled at the September meeting of the Education Board. The process for external representatives was approved and the process for Members has been revised for consideration at the October Education Board meeting.
7. The Education Strategy Adviser has produced a report detailing a proposed accountability framework for consideration at the October Education Board meeting.
8. The Education Unit has identified an online training programme which can be purchased for all governors in City schools and has agreed to fund a one year membership for all City schools. In addition, a training programme for Governors is being developed.

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

9. The Open Spaces Committee will be receiving a report on relevant education activities at their next meeting and this report will be tabled at the December meeting of the Education Board for information.
10. The Education Policy Officer will explore the opportunities available to expand the existing education section of the City's website to include sections that would provide useful information for teachers and schools.
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 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London.

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

12. The Education Unit has produced two e-newsletters which were sent to the City schools and included information about EDO's offer, apprenticeships, and

other relevant initiatives. The Education Unit will seek to provide information about more opportunities in future newsletters.

13. Following a comprehensive review of activity, a post in EDO has been remodelled to take responsibility for co-ordinating all employer-facing employability activity. The new Business Engagement Manager will be in post by the end of October 2014.
14. The Education Policy Officer is working with EDO to ensure that the City schools are aware of, and engaging with, all suitable opportunities, such as Teen Tech City – a one day interactive event, sponsored by the City, which provides Year 8/9 students with an insight into careers involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

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

15. 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.
16. Applications for the new Richard Cloudesley Primary School and a new primary academy on a site in Galleywall Road, Southwark, are being developed and will need to be submitted by 10 October 2014. The decision for an application to be prepared and submitted will be dealt with by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman under Urgency Procedure (Standing Order 41A). Officers will update the Education Board at its meeting on 16 October on activity undertaken by the officer-level project board.

Recommendation

17. Members are asked to the information contained in this report.

Appendix

- Appendix 1 – Education Strategy Development Plan

Background paper

City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–15
Education Strategy Development Plan – 11 September 2014

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