

Committee:	Date:
Education Board	4 December 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. Each of the five strategic objectives is addressed (paragraphs 3 – 7) with examples of recent work and future activities.</p> <p>A report including the full Education Strategy Development Plan will be submitted bi-annually.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the information contained in this report. 	

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

3. Strategic Objective 1: To promote and support excellent education and access to higher education
 - a. The Education Board has begun a review of school governance skill sets and structures in order to ensure that its own provision is efficient and expert to match "best practice".
 - b. Progress made with plans for Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School to become a Two Form Entry school (see Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School Expansion Report).
 - c. Jeremy Mayhew CC has been appointed to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School.

4. Strategic Objective 2: To strive for excellence in the City schools
 - a. On 1 December 2014 the Education Unit will hold two training sessions to help governors at City schools gain a deeper understanding of the key sources of school data.
 - b. The Education Unit has initiated an 'A level Subject Workshop Programme' to enable subject leaders across the City schools to share teaching and student management strategies for the benefit of all pupils.
 - c. The City of London Freeman's School is providing the opportunity for academy students who are applying to Oxbridge, or to study Medicine or Veterinary Science, to undertake mock interview practice.

5. Strategic Objective 3: To inspire children through an enriched education and outreach opportunities
 - a. At the December Education Board, Members will receive an update from the Barbican, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and the Outreach Forum outlining how their work supports the City's commitment to support London.
 - b. On 15 October the GLA launched the 'London Curriculum', an initiative aimed at using the capital city as a context for learning, helping young Londoners better understand and engage with their city. The Museum of London has been closely involved in the development of this. The Outreach Forum and the Education Unit are looking at ways to support the London Curriculum. The City schools will be encouraged to participate
 - c. The Education Policy Officer met with a representative from The EDCLUB Movement to discuss potential opportunities for students at City schools to participate in the EDCLUB Movement as mentors to disadvantaged kids. The EDCLUB Movement will present this proposal to the City schools at the next Headteachers' Forum in January.
 - d. Adam Maddock (Assistant Director of PR) and the Chairman met with representatives from "Chess in Schools", an organisation using chess in primary schools as part of the curriculum. Already working in Sir John Cass and the City of London School, the organisation is interested to discuss what more it could do with the City.

6. Strategic Objective 4: To promote an effective transition from education to employment
 - a. On 7 November the author Andy McNab gave a motivational talk to some of the more challenging pupils in years 10 and 11, at the City of London Academy Southwark.

- b. EDO's new Business Engagement Manager is in post and has taken responsibility for co-ordinating all employer-facing employability activity.
 - c. The Employability Forum has agreed to provide the Education Board with an update on its activities in April 2015.
- 7. Strategic Objective 5: To explore opportunities to expand the City's education portfolio and influence on education throughout London
 - a. Public consultation events were held in October for the proposed new City primary academies in Southwark and Islington. Both events demonstrated local need and support for the proposals.
 - b. The Education Board will receive a report at its January meeting recommending principles that can be applied when considering a request to sponsor a school or expand the City's family of schools, and the due diligence and decision framework that should be followed.
 - c. Progress has begun to encourage wider support and resource for a revamped Livery Schools Link in the hope of facilitating greater coordination between schools and training programmes supported by the Livery Companies with both City Corporation and employers.
 - d. Progress on the Lord Nash initiative – a meeting with DfE and FCA is scheduled for 3 December.

Recommendation

- 8. Members are asked to note the information contained in this report.

Background paper

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