

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Education Board	15 January 2015
<b>Subject:</b> Education Strategy Update Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
<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>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the information contained in this report.</li> </ul>	

### **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 Reverend Dr Martin Dudley was appointed City Corporation sponsor governor to the Governing Body of the City of London Academy, Islington.
  - b. Following the successful data training sessions for Governors on 1 December the Education Unit has offered to provide bespoke sessions for individual governing bodies.
  - c. The Town Clerk's Department will submit a report recommending key objectives and outcomes for the Education Board in 2015.
4. Strategic Objective 2: To strive for excellence in the City schools

- a. The 'A level Subject Workshop Programme' is underway with good feedback to date. 8 further workshops are scheduled in January.
  - b. Directors of Sixth Form will meet on 20 January to explore: course admission criteria, attaining top A level grades, applications to Russell Group universities and Oxbridge, target setting, assessment and monitoring systems, and opportunities to collaborate and share best practice.
  - c. City of London School for Girls invited students and parents from City academies to attend their Higher Education Evening on 4 February.
5. Strategic Objective 3: To inspire children through an enriched education and outreach opportunities
- a. The Learning and Engagement Forum requests for funding have been included in the 2015/16 Draft Budget Allocation Report.
  - b. The Learning and Engagement Forum will be asked to identify areas where greater collaboration can increase the impact of existing work.
6. Strategic Objective 4: To promote an effective transition from education to employment
- a. Officers have submitted a report to the Nominations Working Group recommending criteria to ensure candidates for the Education Board's external member vacancies have sufficient expertise in developing and delivering an education to employment programme.
  - b. The Employability Forum will 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. The interview for the free school applications is on 5 February 2015.

### **Recommendation**

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

### **Background paper**

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