

Committee(s)	Dated:
Education Board	15 October 2015
Subject: Education Strategy Refresh	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision

Summary

On 24 October 2013 the Court of Common Council endorsed the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–2015 and on 1 May 2014 it approved the establishment of an Education Board to oversee the implementation of the Education Strategy. At its meeting in July 2015, Members of the Education Board considered proposals for a further iteration of the Education Strategy from 2016.

This report outlines the framework for the next iteration of the Education Strategy, which would contain a high level executive summary, a chapter for each Strategic Objective, and priorities for 2016. A draft Executive Summary for the next iteration of the Education Strategy is attached as Appendix 1. The Chapters for each Strategic Objective are being developed and the Education Board will consider a full draft at its meeting in December.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to endorse the proposed structure for the next iteration of the Education Strategy and the process for developing a full draft.

Main Report

Background

1. On 24 October 2013 the Court of Common Council endorsed the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013–2015 and on 1 May 2014 it approved the establishment of an Education Board to oversee the implementation of the Education Strategy.
2. At its meeting in July 2015, Members of the Education Board considered a report of the Town Clerk outlining proposals for a further iteration of the Education Strategy from 2016.

Current Position

3. Officers have developed a framework for the next iteration of the Education Strategy which is designed to reflect the comments of Members at the July meeting of the Education Board and also relevant comments made at previous Education Board meetings.

Proposal

4. It is proposed that the next iteration of the Education Strategy contains a concise high level executive summary and outlines the vision, strategic objectives, and prioritised actions. This would be followed by a chapter for each Strategic Objective which would provide additional detail on: context, prioritised actions, and success criteria. Each chapter would be around two pages in length. Finally priorities for 2016 would be identified.
5. For the next iteration of the Education Strategy is recommended that as the original Strategic Objectives 1 and 2 both relate to education in schools and higher education, they should be combined under a single objective. It is also recommended that, where it is relevant, the original Strategic Objective 5 should be embedded within the new Strategic Objectives, rather than being an objective in its own right.
6. A draft Executive Summary for the next iteration of the Education Strategy has been developed which contains a rephrased vision and three Strategic Objectives. This is attached as Appendix 1.
7. The Learning and Engagement Forum and the Employability Forum have both been consulted on the proposals for the next iteration of the Education Strategy and support the proposals made to date. Both Fora will also oversee the development of the chapter for the Strategic Objective which relates to their area of work.
8. The Chapters for each Strategic Objective are currently being developed and there will be an opportunity for Members who have expressed an interest in a Special Interest Area to comment on the relevant Chapter before the next meeting of the Education Board. The Education Board will consider a full draft of the next iteration of the Education Strategy at its meeting in December.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

9. The Education Strategy incorporates policies that relate to the work of a number of different Committees and Fora. Therefore, the refreshed Strategy will be brought to the attention of the relevant Committees.

Conclusion

10. This report outlines the framework for the next iteration of the Education Strategy. The proposed framework includes a high level executive summary, a chapter for each Strategic Objective, and priorities for 2016. The Chapters for each Strategic Objective are being developed and the Education Board will consider a full draft at its meeting in December. Members are asked to endorse the proposed structure for the next iteration of the Education Strategy and the process for developing a full draft.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Education Strategy 2016 – Executive Summary

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