

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Education Board	25 May 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Education Strategy Monitoring Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report updates the Board on the implementation of the Education Strategy 2016-19 (Strategy) against objectives and prioritised actions, for the period November 2016 to April 2017. Progress against the three objectives in the Strategy has been positive.

The report also recommends that the prioritised actions and success criteria for Objective 3, employability are updated. The City Corporation has also started some new initiatives that fall within the employability remit, including the City Corporation's Apprenticeship programme, and the work the Economic Development Office is doing with businesses to support them in setting up apprenticeship programmes. We recommend that these initiatives and others included in the Corporation's new Employability Strategy, on the agenda for the July Education Board, are included as prioritised actions under Objective 3 in the Strategy.

Members are also asked to review the method of reporting on the Education Strategy, and whether the current format is the best way to report on prioritised actions.

The the City's family of schools' partnership activity schedule for the 2017/18 financial year is also attached for your information.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked:

- Note that good progress was made across all three objectives of the Education Strategy
- Agree to an update to the prioritised actions and success criteria of Objective 3, Employability.
- Agree to review the method of reporting on the Education Strategy prioritised actions.
- Note the City's family of schools' partnership activity schedule.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The City of London Education Strategy 2016-19 was approved by the Education Board and the Court of Common Council in March and April 2016 respectively. The implementation of the Education Strategy is overseen by the Education Board. This report provides Members of the Education Board with a summary of key developments in the delivery of the Education Strategy.
2. The report provides an update on the delivery of prioritised actions under each of the three objectives in the Strategy: Cultural Education, the City of London Academies Trust, and Employability.

### **Monitoring of prioritised actions against key objectives**

3. A comprehensive monitoring table covering all three Objectives is attached as Appendix 3. The Education Unit, EDO, and the City Corporation's cultural venues have contributed to the monitoring table.
4. Some of the key outcomes under each Objective are outlined below.

#### **Objective 1: Cultural Education**

5. The School Visits Fund has been a great success. From establishment in November 2015 to the end of March 2017, 105 applications have been approved, benefitting 5,659 pupils from 28 London Boroughs. The average Pupil Premium rate of the visiting schools is 51%, easily exceeding the target of 30%. Feedback has been extremely positive, with 100% of teachers saying applying for the Fund was easy or very easy, and 95% saying they would visit the venue again.
6. The City Corporation's cultural venues have been working together on a range of initiatives. One of these is the Young City Poets project, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. This programme has involved 1,200 primary and secondary school pupils across London. City Stories is another programme of activities which focuses on year 7 pupils, and teaches the City's academies about the heritage and culture of the City of London.
7. Working in partnership with BAM Nuttall, the Open Spaces group has engaged 180 students in learning to build dams for British Science Week, as part of the Hampstead Heath Ponds Education Project. Another 4,200 students have attended science and geography-based education sessions at the City Corporation's open spaces.
8. The Board will receive a separate report about the progress in setting up a City of London Corporation Cultural Education Partnership.

#### **Objective 2: Outstanding academies**

9. The City of London Academies Trust (the Trust) is on track to open five new academies in September: CoLA Shoreditch Park, CoLA Highgate Hill, CoLA Highbury Grove, CoL Primary Academy Islington, and Newham Collegiate Sixth Form College.
10. The Trust has developed a model Terms of Reference, governor appointment process, and governance structure for all Trust academies. These models are now in place.
11. The Headteachers' Forum will be setting up a cultural forum, with each City school being represented by their Heads of Music. The Guildhall School of Music & Drama will

also be part of the forum, which will lead to closer collaboration between the City schools and the Guildhall school. It will also allow schools to share best practice and provide opportunities for cross-school music programmes.

### Objective 3: Employability

12. There have been 12 City Corporation employees involved in a new mentoring project set up for City of London Academy Southwark students, and another 18 employee volunteers have been involved in work-related activities.
13. A range of work place visits, employability workshops and creative sessions have been facilitated in partnership with City Action, the Corporation's employee volunteer broker. Sessions included how to get the most from your LinkedIn profile, and engaged 66 City businesses.
14. EDO has also provided SGOSS with funding to set up a programme of work to encourage school governors to focus more on employability, and provide work experience opportunities for students through their business contacts.

### **Other related activities**

15. There is a strong partnership activity schedule in place for the 2017/18 financial year (Appendix 1). The City Corporation hosted a debating event for year 10 students from our secondary academies and independent schools. The topic was 'This house believes the Internet should be censored'. This resulted in some lively debate and plenty of questions from the floor.
16. The City of London Freeman's school hosted a GCSE revision residential over the Easter weekend for GCSE students from the City Corporation's three secondary academies. The weekend was very successful, with 46 students attending the residential, with great feedback from teachers and students.
17. Photos from both events are attached at Appendix 2.

### **Update Objective 3 prioritised actions**

18. Since the development of the priorities actions under Objective 3, the City Corporation has started some new initiatives that fall within the Strategy's remit. This includes the City Corporation's Apprenticeship Scheme. The City Corporation is fully utilising the Government's Apprenticeship Levy, and aims to establish 100 high quality apprenticeships at the City Corporation.
19. The Economic Development Office is piloting a scheme to support small and medium sized levy payers in the Financial and Related Professional Services sector to navigate the Apprenticeship Levy.
20. The Employability Group, a cross departmental group of Officers, is also working on a corporate wide Employability Strategy. The Education Unit is feeding into this strategy to ensure it aligns with the Education Strategy. The strategy will come to the July Education Board meeting, for information.

### **Reporting format for next monitoring period**

21. This report concludes a one-year reporting cycle since the adoption of the Education Strategy 2016-19. Officers would like feedback on whether Members would like to continue with the current reporting method, or whether Members would like to be updated on progress against the Strategy's prioritised actions.

## **Conclusion**

22. This report updates the Board on the implementation of the Education Strategy 2016-19 (Strategy) against objectives and prioritised actions, for the period November 2016 to April 2017. Progress against the three objectives in the Strategy has been positive.
23. This report also recommends that Objective 3 of the Strategy is reviewed, with prioritised actions updated and including the new actions developed as part of the Corporation's new Employability Strategy.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Partnership Activity Schedule
- Appendix 3 – Photos of Debating Event and Freeman's Residential
- Appendix 3 – Education Strategy Monitoring Table

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Athletics Day	14 June 2017
Economics Conference	28 June 2017
Arts Exhibition	5 July 2017
Year 7 inductions – Led by MoL and Barbican	July 2017 (tbc)
New schools opening ceremonies	October 2017 (tbc)
Prefects Dinner	November 2017 (tbc)
Basketball tournament	November 2017 (tbc)
School Concert	15 January 2018
School staff conference	January 2018 (tbc)
Careers Fair	March 2018
Debating competition	March 2018

**City Schools Debating event**



**City of London Freeman's GSCE Residential**

