

Subject: Education Panel Work Programme 2014/15

Report to: Education Panel

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 18 September 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Panel during the Assembly Year 2014/15.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Panel notes the report and agrees the topics for the November 2014 and February 2015 meetings.**

3. Background

3.1 The Education Panel was established as a working group with the following term of reference:

To keep under review and investigate as appropriate the development and delivery of the Mayor's policies and strategies in relation to education and to report back to the GLA Oversight Committee as necessary.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Chair is proposing that the Panel should address the following topics in its future meetings:

26 November 2014: The role of the Mayor in supporting alternative provision (AP)

4.2 The Mayor's Education Inquiry made its final report in October 2012. The Mayor broadly accepted its 12 recommendations. Amongst the points for action the Mayor committed to establish with the London Pupil Referral Unit Network a programme to support PRU leadership development and strengthen subject knowledge in English and maths. However, in the latest Education Programme delivery plan the level of support has been reduced instead to "scope two strands of the London Schools Gold Club tailored for Alternative Provision and Special Schools." The Panel will hear from alternative provision about the challenges they face and to hear about the kinds of support they

want from the Mayor and GLA to support schools working with some of London's most vulnerable and troubled young people.

11 February 2015: The Mayor's Education Inquiry – update

- 4.3 The Education Panel has previously questioned the Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture about progress with the implementation of recommendations from the Mayor's Education Inquiry. Members have previously expressed concerns about the value added of the Gold Club and also about the range of partnership bodies and organisations that have been able to access funding from the London Schools Excellence Fund. This meeting will provide Members with an opportunity to hear from officers about progress made to date.
- 4.4 The Mayor has decided to introduce a further ambition for his work namely to foster engagement and build resilience among London's young people; therefore it will be timely to create a greater awareness as to what the Mayor will be doing to develop this area of work further. Areas of work that seek to support young people into work, by assisting London schools, colleges, post-16 training providers, employers and universities in the development of 14-19 transitional programmes and in terms of the regional support to deliver careers education and work experience in London schools remain under-developed in the most recent version of the delivery plan. Likewise there is a need for further detail about the work that is being done to support children in care and to improve links between schools in disadvantaged areas and the Russell/1994 Group universities.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Panel has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct GLA financial implications arising from this report. Financial implications arising from the Panel's investigations will be dealt with separately in reports to the Panel's parent committee, the GLA Oversight Committee, as and when relevant decisions are required.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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