

Mayor's Office

City Hall
The Queen's Walk
More London
London SE1 2AA
Switchboard: 020 7983 4000
Minicom: 020 7983 4458
Web: www.london.gov.uk

Len Duvall AM

Chair of the GLA Oversight
Committee
City Hall,
Queen's Walk,
London SE1 2AA

14th February 2012

Dear Len,

Thank you for your letter of 8th February regarding the Mayor's Mentoring Programme and plans for free school sites.

You asked who had been appointed to undertake the evaluation of the MMP. The Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion (www.cesi.org) has been awarded the two year contract to assess the GLA's investment in the Mayor's Mentoring Programme. The evaluation will appraise the model of programme implementation in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of the intervention. CESI are required to assess the impact of the MMP as a whole, based on quantitative and qualitative data from both existing and new delivery partners in order to create a holistic evaluation of the programme.

With regard to the Committee's request for quarterly updates on the mentoring programme, can I suggest that we send you the GLA quarterly programme report which is collated a month after the end of each quarter. We will send you the 2012/13 report in May 2013 and quarterly thereafter. Additionally Amanda Coyle the GLA officer who is responsible for the programme is best placed to answer any questions from your members.

With regard to free schools, the New Schools for London Unit is working to identify potential sites from the portfolio of the GLA and the GLA group. The GLA, as part of Barking Riverside Ltd, is working with the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham to provide a site for the Riverside Co-Operative Free School. We are in discussion with the London Legacy Development Corporation about sites for several future free schools serving the planned new population of the Olympic Park and surrounding areas.

We expect the DfE will announce the 2014 wave of approved free schools groups in June and we anticipate the Unit engaging at that stage with any seeking sites in London.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Munira Mirza', written in a cursive style.

Munira Mirza

Mayoral Advisor and Deputy Mayor, Education and Culture