

Skills for Londoners Board

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Meeting Outcomes for Londoners Advisory Group

Date Thursday 22 November 2018

Time 10.00am

Place Room F, 169 Union Street,
London SE1 0LL

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Present:

Members:

Angus Knowles-Cutler, Skills for Londoners (SfL) Board Member (Chair)
Neha Agarwal, HESA
Nigel Ball, University of Oxford
Margaret Cooney, SfL Board Member
Darrell DeSouza, Association of Colleges
Arinola Edeh, SfL Board Member
Dipa Ganguli, Sutton College
Helen Hammond, Institutes for Adult Learning
John Hitchin, Renaisi
Gerry McDonald, SfL Board Member
Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive-designate, Mayor's Fund for London
Alison Navarro, Community Action Sutton
Dianna Neal, London Councils

Diarmid Swainson, representing London Councils

GLA Officers:

Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director, Skills and Employment
Rachel Greenwood, AEB Senior Project Officer (Clerk)
Caroline Jackson, Senior Manager, AEB Funding Policy and Systems
Christopher Minter, Senior Policy Officer, AEB Funding Policy and Systems
Joel Mullan, Senior Policy Officer, Strategy, Policy and Relationships (Skills and Employment)
Forogh Rahmani, Senior Manager, Strategy, Policy and Relationships (Skills and Employment)

1 Introduction and apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Group and led a round of introductions.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Simon Ashworth, Richard Clifton, Cllr Joe Dromey and Nichola Hay.

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The Advisory Group received the terms of reference for the Group, which were approved by its parent body, the Skills for Londoners Board, in September 2018.

3.2 RESOLVED:

The terms of reference for the Outcomes for Londoners Advisory Group were noted.

4 Development of the approach to outcome-based commissioning model for the Adult Education Budget (AEB)

- 4.1 The Assistant Director, Skills and Employment, set out the proposed approach to developing an outcomes-based commissioning system, noting that this Group would be instrumental in shaping the model.
- 4.2 The ambition would be to develop a model that would measure not only educational and labour market outcomes, but also wider social outcomes.

4.3 RESOLVED:

The Advisory Group endorsed the proposed approach, as set out in the report, to support the work to inform the development of an outcomes-based commissioning model for the Adult Education Budget.

5 Skills for Londoners Framework Consultation responses – learnings on outcomes

- 5.1 The Group received a report setting out responses to the Skills for Londoners Framework Consultation in relation to outcomes-based commissioning. The key areas identified within the responses to the consultation were highlighted and Members were informed that feedback to the Framework was largely positive. It was

noted that respondents were largely from the public sector, from those delivering or with an interest in the AEB.

- 5.2 During the subsequent discussion, Members highlighted a range of considerations that should be taken into account when developing an outcomes-based model. These included: an understanding of approaches being considered in other areas, including international practice; the importance of involving both business and learner voice into the research; being mindful of changing skills needs and priorities; and giving consideration to the point at which outcomes are measured and the process of validation and reporting.
- 5.3 Officers reiterated that in developing the approach to outcomes-based commissioning, the priority was to develop a model that would work for adult education in London and any proposals to link payments to outcomes would be considered much later in the work and thoroughly tested to ensure they were appropriate and effective.

5.4 RESOLVED:

The Advisory Group noted the responses to, and the subsequent discussion on, the Skills for Londoners Framework consultation.

6 Outcomes Workshop

- 6.1 The remainder of the meeting took the form of a workshop. Members discussed the challenges the Group was trying to address and what it was aiming to achieve through outcomes-based commissioning.
- 6.2 The Group also considered potential outcome areas and how these might be prioritised. A range of potential outcome measures were suggested, and these would be considered further as the approach was developed. Members also discussed funding challenges and how this might affect an outcomes-based commissioning model.
- 6.3 The points raised during the discussion would be incorporated into the specification for the research consultancy work and circulated to the Group for comment before a consultant was procured.
- 6.4 A query was raised as to what the AEB currently pays for in London in terms of qualifications provided and at what level. Officers agreed to provide a high-level summary of this information outside of the meeting.
- 6.5 RESOLVED:**
- (a) The workshop discussion was noted;**
 - (b) That a high-level summary of qualifications currently provided through the AEB in London, and at what level, would be provided to the Advisory Group; and**
 - (c) That the comments provided during the meeting would be incorporated into the specification for the research consultancy and circulated to the Advisory Group for comment.**

7 Date of next meeting

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Outcomes for Londoners Advisory Group would take place in May 2019 on a date to be confirmed.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent

- 8.1 There was no urgent business.

9 Close of meeting

- 9.1 The meeting closed at midday.

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