

# AGENDA

**Meeting Skills for Londoners Board**

**Date Thursday 20 June 2019**

**Time 1.30pm**

**Place The London Connector,  
Level 6, 160 Old Street, London  
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**Members:**

Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, GLA (co-Chair)  
Cllr Georgia Gould, Executive Member for Skills and Employment, London Councils (co-Chair)  
Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader, London Borough of Wandsworth and Member, Central London Forward  
Cllr Darren Rodwell, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Chair, Local London Skills and Employment Board  
Cllr Liz Green, Leader, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and Chair, South London Skills and Employment Board  
Cllr Steve Curran, Leader, London Borough of Hounslow and Chair, West London Alliance Skills and Employment Board

Celia Caulcott, LEAP  
Margaret Cooney, London Plus  
Kym Denny, the Mayor's Business Advisory Board  
Arinola Edeh, HOLEX  
Nichola Hay, the Association of Employment and Learning Providers  
Angus Knowles-Cutler, London First  
Gerry McDonald, Association of Colleges  
Sue Terpilowski, Federation of Small Businesses  
Skills for Londoners Business Partnership representative (to be confirmed)  
Employment Related Services Association (to be confirmed)

**1 Introduction and apologies**

**2 Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have in any of the items set out on the agenda and, where applicable, consider if they should withdraw from the discussion or the meeting.

**3 Minutes from the previous meeting (pages 5 – 12)**

Members are asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2019.

**4 Actions arising from previous meetings (pages 13 – 14)**

To be presented by Rachel Greenwood, Senior Project Officer, Skills and Employment.

**5 16-18 Trajectories research (presentation)**

To be presented by representatives from Mime Consulting.

**6 Subordinate bodies update (oral update)**

To be presented by Rachel Greenwood, Senior Project Officer, Skills and Employment.

**7 Adult Education Budget – implementation update (pages 15 – 20)**

To be presented by Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills & Employment.

**8 Skills for Londoners Framework consultation – emerging findings (presentation)**

To be presented by Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director, Skills and Employment; and Matt Bailey, Senior Policy Officer, Skills & Employment.

**9 Adult Education Budget – early findings from the outcomes/impacts research (presentation)**

To be presented by Alex Stevenson, Learning & Work Institute.

**10 Spending Review update (pages 21 – 27)**

To be presented by Forogh Rahmani, Senior Manager – Strategy, Policy & Relationships.

**11 Skills and Employment Vision (oral update)**

To be presented by Forogh Rahmani, Senior Manager – Strategy, Policy & Relationships, Skills and Employment.

**12 Forward Plan and AEB Business Cycle (presentation)**

To be presented by Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director, Skills and Employment.

**13 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Skills for Londoners Board is expected to take place at 1.30pm on 3 October 2019 at a venue to be confirmed.

**14 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent**

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# MINUTES

**Meeting Skills for Londoners Board**

**Date Wednesday 10 April 2019**

**Time 10.00am**

**Place Committee Room 5, City Hall,  
the Queen's Walk, London SE1  
2AA**

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**Members in attendance:**

Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, GLA (co-Chair in the Chair)

Cllr Georgia Gould, Executive Member for Skills and Employment, London Councils (co-Chair)

Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader, London Borough of Wandsworth and Member, Central London Forward

Cllr Darren Rodwell, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Chair, Local London Skills and Employment Board

Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader, London Borough of Sutton and Chair, South London Partnership Skills and Employment Board

Cllr Steve Curran, Leader, London Borough of Hounslow and Chair, West London Alliance Skills and Employment Board

Margaret Cooney, London Plus

Kym Denny, the Mayor's Business Advisory Board

Arinola Edeh, HOLEX

Nichola Hay, the Association of Employment and Learning Providers  
Angus Knowles-Cutler, London First  
Gerry McDonald, Association of Colleges  
Sue Terpilowski, Federation of Small Businesses

**GLA Officers:**

Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills and Employment  
Forogh Rahmani, Senior Manager – Strategy, Policy & Relationships  
Rachel Greenwood, Senior Project Officer (Clerk)

**Others in attendance:**

Nigel Keohane, Social Market Foundation  
Dianna Neal, Strategic Lead – Enterprise, Economy and Skills, London Councils  
Kathryn Petrie, Social Market Foundation  
Steve Preston, Mime Consulting  
Tim Shields, Chief Executive, London Borough of Hackney  
Dick Sorabji, Corporate Director, Policy and Public Affairs, London Councils

## **1 Introduction and apologies**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, and welcomed Kym Denny to her first meeting of the Board.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Celia Caulcott, LEAP Board Member.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **3 Minutes from the previous meeting**

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Members suggested it would be useful to see a forward plan for the Board setting out the main priorities for the Board. The Skills & Employment Vision would help to shape this and would be covered in more detail at Item 9.

### **3.3 DECISION:**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record.**

## **4 Actions arising from previous meetings**

- 4.1 Members received a report that provided an update on actions arising from the previous meeting.

### **4.2 DECISION:**

**The update on actions arising from previous meetings was noted.**

## **5 Governance and subordinate bodies**

- 5.1 The Board received a report providing an update on governance arrangements for the Board, including proposals to establish three new subordinate bodies: the Skills & Employment Vision Steering Group; the Higher Level Skills Advisory Group; and the Careers for Londoners Steering Group. Members were also informed that the Board's constitution would be updated to reflect its role as the Skills Advisory Panel (SAP) for London.
- 5.2 Proposed membership for the Skills for Londoners (SfL) Construction Sub-Group (previously known as the Mayor's Construction Skills Advisory Group) was tabled for approval and it was agreed that the terms of reference for this group would be updated now its remit had widened. This included the change to the group's name.

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- 5.3 As Chair of the Outcomes for Londoners Advisory Group, Angus Knowles-Cutler provided an update on the work of the group which met for the first time in November 2018.
- 5.4 Members were keen that the subordinate bodies included a focus on lower-level skills. It was suggested that this should be embedded across all of the subordinate bodies, however officers would consider establishing a new subordinate body with a specific focus in this area if this would be useful. London Councils members were keen to ensure borough officers were involved in this work.
- 5.5 A query was raised as to whether there was a set of principles for the Board that Chairs could use to steer meetings of the subordinate bodies. It was noted that the Skills & Employment Vision due for publication later this year would underpin this and would set out what the Board hopes to achieve over the next few years.
- 5.6 In response to a query, it was noted that automation was a priority for the Skills for Londoners Business Partnership, however any members keen to be involved in this work would be welcome to express an interest in sitting on any group set up to support this.
- 5.7 It was noted that at least one Board member should sit on each subordinate body, and members were invited to express an interest in sitting on the Higher Level Skills Advisory Group, the Careers for Londoners Advisory Group or the SfL Construction Sub-Group by emailing the clerk following the meeting.

**5.8 DECISIONS:**

**The Skills for Londoners (SfL) Board:**

- (a) Noted that the SfL Board constitution would be revised to take into account its role as the Skills Advisory Panel for London;**
- (b) Agreed the membership and revised terms of reference, including the name change, for the SfL Construction Sub-Group (formerly the Mayor's Construction Skills Advisory Group);**
- (c) Agreed to formally establish the Skills and Employment Vision Steering Group; the SfL Higher Level Skills Advisory Group; and the Careers for Londoners Steering Group as subordinate bodies of the SfL Board, and approved the respective terms of reference;**
- (d) Agreed to delegate authority to the co-Chairs of the Skills for Londoners Board to confirm membership and chairing arrangements of the SfL Higher Level Skills Advisory Group and the Careers for Londoners Steering Group;**
- (e) Noted that members were invited to express an interest in joining the SfL Construction Sub-Group, the Higher-Level Skills Advisory Group and the Careers for Londoners Advisory Group;**
- (f) Noted the update on the work of the SfL Outcomes Advisory Group; and**

**(g) Noted the update on the SfL Business Partnership.**

## **6 Special Education Needs and Disabilities presentation**

6.1 Steve Preston from Mime Consulting presented the GLA-commissioned research on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in London.

6.2 This was an area of particular concern for members, who raised a number of questions on the research and sought examples of best practice. Discussion following the presentation focused on:

- transport as a barrier to accessing education and employment;
- the mismatch between business, educators and policy makers and the need to understand the type of skills that will be needed in future years, particularly with an increase in automation. It was noted that London First has done some work in this area that would be worth revisiting; and
- the challenge of progressing those in lower-level jobs to higher-level jobs, bearing in mind the additional challenges faced by those with SEND.

A copy of the slides would be circulated following the meeting.

6.3 In response to a query on the age of the data, it was noted that the data would need to be continually refreshed, taking into account changing economic circumstances, in order to accurately understand how SEND learners are being supported on an ongoing basis.

6.4 Next steps following the research were outlined. This was a priority area for the GLA and it would be important to work collectively to identify solutions.

### **6.5 DECISION:**

**The presentation and discussion were noted.**

## **7 Adult Education Budget (AEB) financial management and implementation update**

7.1 The Assistant Director – Skills & Employment provided an update on Adult Education budget (AEB) programme implementation, and set out the overall allocation of the £306,444,875 AEB for the 2019/20 Academic Year.

7.2 Proposed grant and procured provider allocations were tabled in confidence, noting that these were subject to approval by the Mayor. An outline was also provided on the Skills for Londoners Innovation Fund (previously referred to under the working title of the Mayor's Economic Fairness Fund), which would form the mechanism by which grant-funded providers could request growth funding.

7.3 Members were keen that the Board be used to provide strategic input into the allocations approach in future years. It was noted that due to the Mayor's commitment to provide stability for the first two years of the AEB programme in

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London, minimal changes to the existing process used by the ESFA had been made to date. A business cycle for the next two years was currently being drawn up and it was agreed that this would be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

- 7.4 In response to a query, it was noted that conversations were ongoing with Department for Education (DfE) with regard to getting a data sharing agreement in place, as well as around communications. Members noted that ensuring the GLA has access to robust data would be critical to make effective funding decisions, and offered their support to lobby for this. A common voice was needed to ensure a clear message is delivered around the tools and data needed for a successful adult education programme in London.
- 7.5 A discussion was also held on the SfL Innovation Fund, and it was suggested that regeneration areas be considered as a priority area to receive innovation funding.
- 7.6 A query was raised in relation to the implementation budget shortfall, due largely to proposed funding for AEB systems development. Officers clarified that the systems work was not covered by the implementation funding initially awarded by the DfE and the GLA would resource this from its own budgets. In order to recoup some of the costs, a business case would be submitted to DfE to match-fund the systems development work in the implementation period.

**7.7 DECISIONS:**

**The Skills for Londoners Board:**

- (a) **Noted the AEB financial management and implementation update; and**
- (b) **Agreed that the AEB business cycle would be brought to the next meeting of the Board.**

**8 Skills for Londoners Framework Consultation**

- 8.1 The Board received the draft SfL Framework consultation for year 2 of AEB delivery and beyond.
- 8.2 Members welcomed the consultation at this early stage and were invited to comment on the questions asked. During the discussion, it was suggested that an additional question be added, to ask what more London could do for low-paid workers.
- 8.3 It was suggested that following analysis of the responses, different scenarios are modelled to identify the impact of any potential changes. The Board were keen that the consultation would lead to meaningful changes and asked that an opportunity is given to discuss the responses at the next meeting in June.
- 8.4 The draft consultation was due to be considered by the Mayor before launching in the next week and members were asked to share the consultation document among their networks.

## 8.5 DECISIONS:

### The Skills for Londoners Board:

- (a) **Endorsed the proposed approach and timescales for the Skills for Londoners Framework consultation for Year 2 of AEB delivery; and**
- (b) **Endorsed the draft consultation paper and questions, including the additional question on what more London could do for low-paid workers.**

## 9 Skills and Employment Vision Draft Structure

- 9.1 The Board received a report setting out the proposed structure and timelines for the Skills & Employment Vision, a joint document being drafted with London Councils that would sit alongside London's Local Industrial Strategy.
- 9.2 The SfL visioning session in March had provided an opportunity for Members to begin to consider the priorities for the vision and officers would be working with the steering group (established at Item 5) over the coming months to draft the vision document which would be brought to the Board for consideration in June 2019.
- 9.3 Members welcomed the opportunity to be involved in this work, noting that it would be important to ensure it was not delivered in isolation and touched upon wider issues including housing, health and social integration.

## 9.4 DECISIONS:

### The Skills for Londoners Board:

- (a) **Approved the draft structure of the Skills and Employment Vision; and**
- (b) **Noted that a steering group would be established to oversee the development of the vision, as agreed at Agenda Item 5.**

## 10 Higher Education presentation

- 10.1 The Board welcomed Kathryn Petrie and Nigel Keohane from the Social Market Foundation, who were in attendance to present the GLA-commissioned research into non-continuation in higher education in London.
- 10.2 During the subsequent discussion, members discussed the importance of working with universities to ensure that courses better catered for people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 10.3 The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, alongside the Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, was due to host a round table with London universities to discuss the actions that could be taken to address the issues highlighted by the report. This area of work would also be a priority for the Higher Level Skills Advisory Group.

**10.4 DECISION:**

The presentation and subsequent discussion were noted.

**11 Date of next meeting**

11.1 The next meeting of the Skills for Londoners Board was scheduled to take place at 1.30pm on 20 June 2019 at a venue to be confirmed.

**12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent**

12.1 There was no other business.

**13 Close of meeting**

13.1 The meeting ended at 12.05pm.

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**Skills for Londoners Board**

Date of meeting:           **20 June 2019**

Title of report:             **Actions Arising from previous meetings**

To be presented by:       **Rachel Greenwood, Senior Project Officer, Skills & Employment**

Cleared by:                 **Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills & Employment**

Classification               **Public**

**1      Executive Summary**

1.1    This report updates the Skills for Londoners Board on actions arising from the previous meeting of the Board.

**2      Recommendation**

2.1    The Skills for Londoners (SfL) Board is asked to note the update on actions arising from the previous meeting.

**3      Actions arising from the meeting of 10 April 2019**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
7. AEB financial management and implementation update	That the AEB business cycle would be brought to the next meeting of the Board.	To be discussed at agenda Item 12.

**4      Next Steps**

4.1    Outlined elsewhere within this report.

**Appendices:**

- None.

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## Skills for Londoners Board

Date of meeting:	<b>20 June 2019</b>
Title of report:	<b>Adult Education Budget Implementation Update</b>
To be presented by:	<b>Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills &amp; Employment</b>
Cleared by:	<b>Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills &amp; Employment</b>
Classification	<b>Public</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This standing report updates the Skills for Londoners (SfL) Board on Adult Education Budget (AEB) programme implementation since the last SfL Board held on 10 April 2019.
- 1.2 The first tranche of London's AEB of c.£192m of c.£306m was received in May 2019 for the period 1 August 2019 to 30 April 2020 and AEB implementation remains on track for 1 August 2019.
- 1.3 Registration on GLA OPS<sup>1</sup> for grant providers is live and development is progressing well. Grant agreements were sent to providers in May 2019 and we expect to give feedback to bidders for contract of services on the Invitation to Tender (ITT) in June 2019.
- 1.4 Bids for the Mayor's European Social Fund (ESF) 2019-23 Programme (referred to as AEB-ESF) have been moderated. A provider audit approach will be presented at the Mayoral Board in July 2019. The *Guidance for the Mayor of London and Greater London Authority* on the exercise of delegated adult education functions has also been finalised.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Skills for Londoners Board is asked to **note** the Adult Education Budget (AEB) implementation update.

### 3 Introduction & background

- 3.1 This standing report updates the SfL Board on AEB programme implementation. It is updated and presented to each SfL Board as well as the AEB Mayoral Board and AEB Programme Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Standard explanation to be added

## **4 Issues for Consideration**

### Governance arrangements

- 4.1 In exercising the AEB functions delegated to him, the Mayor must have regard to the *Guidance for the Mayor of London and Greater London Authority* (“the London Guidance”) issued by the Secretary of State for Education. This guidance has now been finalised and will be presented to the AEB Mayoral Board for noting in July 2019.
- 4.2 The GLA committed to producing an AEB Assurance Framework that will set out processes and systems to manage delegated functions and funding relating to the AEB effectively. The Framework will be considered at the AEB Mayoral Board on 11 July 2019 and published shortly afterwards.
- 4.3 The SfL Business Partnership met for the second time on 5 June 2019 to discuss the Skills Employment Vision, the SfL Framework, the apprenticeships programme and the Knowledge Hub consultation.

### Procurement process

- 4.4 All AEB procured bids have now been evaluated and moderated. Bidders have been notified of the outcome of the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SSQ) stage and their Invitation to Tender (ITT) submissions. The standstill period has now closed and contracts will be issued in June. The procured provider Onboarding event will take place on 20 June enabling provision to start from 1 August 2019.
- 4.5 Moderation and evaluation of all AEB-ESF bids has been completed. It is expected that bidders will be informed of the outcome of the tender process before the end of July 2019.
- 4.6 The Parental Employment Lots the AEB-ESF specifications for homeless people and ex-offenders, as well as any other lots where we did not receive sufficient interest or high enough scoring submissions, are expected to be launched in September 2019.

### Systems

- 4.7 Work is progressing on GLA Open Project System (OPS) development to support the delivery of AEB and ESF programmes. Registration on OPS for Grant providers is live and at the time of writing, over 70 have registered. The functionality to make scheduled payments to grant providers has been built and is currently being tested.
- 4.8 Basic required functionality (registration, project information, making claims and generating payments) for AEB Procured and ESF projects has largely been developed. AEB Procured functionality is due to go live in June 2019.

### Outcomes and Destinations

- 4.9 The Outcomes Advisory Group met on 6 June 2019 to discuss early findings of a review of robust outcome or impact definitions and measures which could be used to determine the success of provision delivered through the AEB. Stakeholder consultation has taken place to inform the review which includes

interviews with providers, London boroughs and business representatives and a series of focus groups with learners studying on AEB-funded provision.

#### Audit

- 4.10 In May 2019, the ESFA confirmed that their audit offer will not be increased beyond the three audits originally offered. The GLA's audit approach will be presented to the Mayoral Board in July 2019.

#### Performance Management (Quality) - Ofsted

- 4.11 The AEB Programme Board endorsed the proposed Grant-funded and Procured provision monitoring and intervention policy on 5 June 2019. These will be taken to the AEB Mayoral Board for consideration in July 2019.

#### Finance

- 4.12 On 12 April 2019 the GLA submitted its second and final implementation funding claim for FY2018/19 and received the final tranche of £169,485 on 3 May 2019. The GLA has now received the maximum allocation of £1,441,767 for FY2018/19. The final implementation funding claim will be submitted on 9 August 2019 up to a maximum of £478,287.
- 4.13 On 3 May 2019, the GLA received the first tranche of London's AEB allocation of £191,987,714 to be used for the period 1 August 2019 to 31 March 2020. The remainder of the c £306m will follow in the 2020-21 financial year.

#### Communications

- 4.14 [www.london.gov.uk/skills-for-londoners](http://www.london.gov.uk/skills-for-londoners) is being developed to support provider onboarding. Developments will include designated resources such as published documents, handbooks, PowerPoint presentations and registration for email notifications of AEB updates. There were delays in getting approval which has pushed the deadline to the end of June 2019.

#### Research and Analysis

- 4.15 Research will be undertaken to support the development of priorities and future commissioning of the AEB. This will support the Mayor's objective to 'increase the number and diversity of adult learners in London' and help them to 'participate in society and progress into further/higher-level learning, work or an apprenticeship'.
- 4.16 A workplan for this activity is being developed and will include, but not be limited to; research to widen participation for learners with special education needs (SEND), increasing English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) provision and improving attainment in English and Maths. More detailed research commissions will be outlined at a later date.
- 4.17 An evaluation of the AEB will also be procured. The findings will help the GLA to further the AEB programme ensuring it meets London's learners' needs.
- 4.18 An initial evaluation will be conducted in summer and autumn 2019, focussing on the implementation of the delegated AEB functions and funding. A longer-term impact evaluation will also be procured which will measure the impact of the AEB over the first four years of delivery. This will assess the

impact of the changes to AEB delivery and policy changes made by City Hall on learners, providers and on the supply of adult skills in the capital.

- 4.19 Whilst a final evaluation report will be delivered in 2023, interim findings will be used to assess and refine its management of the AEB at regular intervals.

#### Financial Due Diligence for grant funded providers

- 4.20 There are currently no updates to report.

#### Grant Allocations

- 4.21 The GLA issued final funding letters to grant-funded providers in April, setting out their grant allocation for 2019/20 teaching year. Funding agreements were issued to providers in May 2019 for their completion in June 2019.

#### Provider Onboarding

- 4.22 Three provider induction workshops were delivered in May 2019 and attended by over 150 people. The workshops covered a variety of topics including a policy update and GLA OPS.
- 4.23 OPS registration instructions and SAP registration details were sent to providers on 13 May 2019.

### **5 Equality Comments**

- 5.1 In carrying out any functions in respect of the AEB, the Mayor will comply with the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 5.2 Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 provides that, in the exercise of their functions, public authorities – of whom the Mayor is one – must have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.3 Relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

### **6 Risks arising / mitigation**

- 6.1 The overall AEB programme remains a key risk for the GLA. Key risks are around procurement timelines and creating a satisfactory audit regime.

## **7 Legal comments**

- 7.1 TfL Legal<sup>2</sup> has been consulted on the contents of this report. Should any specific legal queries arise out of any of the activities above, the GLA will contact TfL Legal to obtain advice.

## **8 Financial Comments of the Executive Director Resources**

- 8.1 All implementation and development costs associated with the programme will be funded from the AEB budget held within the Skills & Employment Unit, including implementation funding from DfE totalling £1.9m approved by [MD2366](#).
- 8.2 It should be noted, however, in terms of implementation funding, the GLA received implementation funding for 2018-19 totalling £169,485 and will be able to claim the final tranche of implementation funding prior to going live in August 2019 up to the maximum of £487,287.
- 8.3 With regards to the main AEB grant, the GLA received the first tranche of London's AEB allocation of £191,987,714 to be used for the period 1 August 2019 to 31 March 2020.

## **9 Next Steps**

- 9.1 Next steps are outlined within this report and a further update on the progress of AEB implementation will be presented to the SfL Board in October 2019.

### **Appendices:**

None.

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<sup>2</sup> TfL provide the GLA's legal service function under a GLA Group Shared Service arrangement.

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Date of meeting:	<b>20 June 2019</b>
Title of report:	<b>Spending Review update</b>
To be presented by:	<b>Forogh Rahmani, Senior Manager – Strategy, Policy &amp; Relationships</b>
Cleared by:	<b>Michelle Cuomo-Boorer, Assistant Director – Skills and Employment</b>
Classification:	<b>Public</b> with the appendix reserved from publication as it contains information intended for publication at a later date.

### **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report sets out the current steps being taken by the GLA to secure fair and sufficient funding for London through the Government's Spending Review in order to deliver a strategic city-wide technical skills and adult education offer.

### **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Skills for Londoners Board is asked to:
- 2.1.1 **Note** the ongoing work to secure fair and sufficient funding for London ahead of the Government's Spending Review.

### **3 Introduction and Background**

- 3.1 In his Spring Statement (March 2019), the Chancellor confirmed that the Government will hold a Spending Review which will conclude alongside the Budget. The Spending Review will set departmental budgets, including three-year budgets for resource spending.
- 3.2 The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Liz Truss MP, whilst at the Lords Economic Affairs Committee in June 2019, indicated the Spending Review, a date for which has yet to be set, was "unlikely to happen" on schedule.
- 3.3 Government departments would instead be given a year-long extension to their day-to-day spending plans. It is likely that this would mean the existing budget would be rolled over for a further year.
- 3.4 The GLA Group will be making an independent submission to the Spending Review that covers a number of priorities for the Mayor. The GLA is also working closely with each of the combined authorities (M8) to coordinate a joint submission to the Spending Review on Skills and Transport, alongside an independent submission from the GLA Group.

- 3.5 Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, will be meeting with the other metro mayors and Anne Milton MP on 18 June 2019 to discuss delegation of the Adult Education Budget (AEB), proposals to support the government's Spending Review asks on AEB as well as better joint working between government and the M8 on wider post-16 skills policy.
- 3.6 It is vital that the Spending Review provides sufficient funding to put London's public services on a sustainable path for the future. This includes adequately funding the AEB to deliver the introduction of new entitlements to digital skills provision and, through further devolution of funding and powers, giving London the flexibility to respond effectively to economic change in relation to automation and labour movement.
- 3.7 Further consideration in relation to items set out in this report have been reserved from publication as they are part of the formulation of ongoing policy and will be published at a later date.

#### **4 Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 Please see reserved Appendix A.

#### **5 Equality comments**

- 5.1 In his submission to the Spending Review, the Mayor will pay due regard to the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 5.2 Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 provides that, in the exercise of their functions, public authorities – of whom the Mayor is one – must have due regard to the need to:
- 5.2.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
  - 5.2.2 advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
  - 5.2.3 foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.3 Relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

#### **6 Risks arising / mitigation**

- 6.1 Please see reserved Appendix A.

## **7 Legal Comments**

- 7.1 Should any specific legal queries arise out of any of the activities above, the GLA will contact TfL Legal<sup>1</sup> to obtain advice.

## **8 Financial Comments of the Executive Director Resources**

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from noting the ongoing work on the Spending Review. Specific outcomes relating to the work, including funding settlements will be addressed in further reports as required.

## **9 Next steps**

- 9.1 Please see reserved Appendix A.

### **Appendices:**

- **Appendix A** –Spending Review update – additional information (*reserved from publication*)

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<sup>1</sup> TfL provide the GLA's legal service function under a GLA Group Shared Service arrangement.

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