

Subject: Assessing the Performance of London Schools and Future Global Challenges

Report to: Education Panel

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 25 February 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the scope for the Panel's meeting which will focus on the performance of London's schools relative to other UK regions and other relevant nations. The meeting will also assess the challenges that London schools face in preparing their young people to compete in a global labour market and what role there is for the Mayor in supporting the education sector to meet them.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the report, puts questions to the invited experts and notes the subsequent discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its 26 June 2014 meeting, the GLA Oversight Committee re-established the Education Panel 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.
- 3.2 The Panel has met twice in the Assembly year to discuss what role the Mayor has, if any, in providing support to those children with complex needs or who need support for Alternate Providers (AP) or from Pupil Referral Units (PRU) in London.
- 3.3 The Panel will receive a briefing from the Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD) on how students in England compare with students in other OECD countries in mathematics, reading and science. The OECD will also set out the policies that they have found can better prepare students for the future and improve student outcomes.

- 3.4 The Panel will also discuss with the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) how London schools are performing against schools across the English regions and the major challenges that London schools face in sustaining their remarkable recent improvement.
- 3.5 The Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture will be questioned about early evaluation of the Mayor's programmes to support education through the London School's Excellence Fund and his Championing Careers Guidance programme. She will also be asked what proposals the GLA has to seek further funding support for such programmes in the next Comprehensive Spending Review.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 This meeting focuses on measures for comparing London school's against other regions and relevant countries. Panel experts will also highlight what they see as the major challenges facing London's schools over the next five years and what, if any, role the Mayor should play to help address those challenges. The Panel will discuss these issues with the following experts:
- Tue Halgreen, Policy Analyst, PISA, Directorate for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - John Kennedy, Senior HM Inspector, OFSTED
 - Munira Murza, Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture

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 financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None
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