

Subject: Response to *London Learners, London Lives* Report

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 for noting the response from the Mayor to the Education Panel's report, *London learners, London lives*.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the response from the Mayor to the Panel's report *London Learners, London Lives*.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its 21 May 2013 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 met in November 2013 and February 2014 with expert witnesses as part of an investigation considering what role the Mayor plays, or could play, in education in London. As a result of that investigation, the Panel drafted its report, *London Learners, London Lives*.
- 3.3 The report was agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee and published on 16 September 2014.
- 3.4 The report sets out the Panel's findings, identifying areas of work which could be supported by the Mayor. The report made the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1

The Mayor, using data from the boroughs and the Department for Education, should set out a strategic pupil places needs assessment, mapping down to ward level the projected need for

new school places at primary and secondary level. This should be incorporated within the Schools Atlas.

Recommendation 2

The Mayor in conjunction with London Councils should map out a land and asset availability assessment to provide options for meeting the need for new school places, with a particular focus on secondary schools where the need will be becoming more pressing in the next three to five years. Where appropriate it should include options for the expansion of Good or Outstanding rated maintained schools.

Recommendation 3

Working with London Councils, the Mayor should set out a revised regional funding bid to the Department for Education that will run alongside the land and asset assessment.

Recommendation 4

The Mayor should request the OECD to develop a new set of international city comparators so that London can more effectively benchmark its own attainment and achievement levels.

Recommendation 5

The Mayor should draw together performance data (attainment and achievement) for all schools in London and publish this in his next Annual report.

Recommendation 6

The Mayor should provide this Panel with an evaluation of the impact of the Academies' programme (now known as the "Championing careers guidance in schools programme") by the end of 2014.

Recommendation 7

The Secretary of State for Education should reconfigure the Regional Commissioners so that London has one Regional Commissioner.

- 3.5 The report can be found on the London Assembly's website at:
www.London.gov.uk/London Learners, London Lives.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Chair of the Education Panel received a detailed written response to the Panel's report from the Mayor on 6 February 2015, attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Panel is asked to note this letter. This does not preclude the Panel from making more detailed consideration of this response at another time.

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 financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Mayor is a response to the report *London Learners, London Lives*, 16 September 2014

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List of Background Papers: None
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