**14-19 task and finish group**

**Headteacher and Principal survey**

1. **Introduction and context**

The November meeting of the Board of the Camden Partnership for Educational Excellence agreed to create a time-limited Task and Finish group focused on issues related to the 14-19 curriculum and offer in Camden. This was discussed by secondary heads in February. The first meeting of the group was held in mid-February.

The group is chaired by Cllr Georgia Gould, and its membership is made up of

two Camden secondary heads, the Principal for Westminster Kingsway College, and relevant Council Officers. It may also include a representative from City and Islington College, and a member(s) of the Camden Business Board.

1. **Broad themes and terms of reference**

The task and finish group will focus on the 14-19 pathways of young people in Camden and in particular, the following broad themes:

* Careers information, advice and guidance:
* Curriculum offer across Camden
* Employability

The terms of reference (appendix 1) identify the aims and objectives of the task and finish group and the key work streams.

1. **First meeting of the group**

The first meeting of the group highlighted the changes that institutions are currently making to their curriculum offer and discussed some of the risks in relation to this. The group agreed that it would be useful for Camden secondary schools and WKC to share information about changes to their curriculum offer, particularly those changes to be made in the short term, to support a collaborative approach. Building on the groups’ discussion, Cllr Gould, Chair, felt that it would be helpful to gather information from heads about a number of key issues in scope of the task and finish group.

1. **Proposed survey –building on CEIAG audit**

As such a short survey has been designed to gather a range of information. The group would greatly appreciate headteachers and the principal completing the survey, providing valuable views and information for the work of the group. The survey is intended to partly build on the CEIAG audit that was undertaken in 2012/2013, and will be used as a tool to assess the strengths, and look at areas for improvement. The Task and finish group will use the information from the survey to inform the overall focus of the group, and the priority areas to discuss at its next meeting which will be held towards the end of March.

Alongside this the Task and Finish group will also be gathering the views of young people to inform the work of the group.

The survey is available here: **link to be included**

**Appendix 1**

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**Terms of reference**

1. In the context of financial challenges, determine the strengths, weaknesses, gaps and risks in the 14-19 curriculum in Camden;
2. Determine how Camden institutions can seek to collaborate to develop the Camden curriculum offer for 14-19 year olds?
   1. In 2015/16 (short term)
   2. In 2016/17 (medium to long term planning)
3. Determine how Camden institutions can ensure that impartial careers education, information and advice and guidance in place to help young people’s pathway towards a career;
4. Determine how Camden institutions can work collaboratively to engage with employers (private, public and voluntary sector) to support the transferable employability skills of young people, including:

* Developing proposals for schools and employer brokerage
* Developing employability frameworks

1. Agree a set of next steps to implement the emerging proposals including appropriate partnerships or other infrastructure to drive forward action across these areas.

**Membership**

* Cllr Gould
* Rosemary Leeke
* Sue Higgins
* Andy Wilson
* Andy Knowles
* City and Islington College representative (for specific meeting)
* Business representatives to be confirmed (potentially for specific meetings)