

Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for 16-19 provision - impact of the area reviews and implementing the Post-16 Skills Plan

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd November 2016

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

Agenda subject to change



- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education and Lifelong Learning
- 9.05 - 9.25 **The current state of play and policy priorities for the further education sector**
Professor Martin Doel, Professor of Further Education and Skills, Institute of Education, University College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Priorities for improving the financial sustainability of the FE sector**
Karen Dukes, Partner, Restructuring Lead, Education, PwC
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Supporting 16-19 institutions to overcome financial and budgetary constraints**
In the context of financial and budgetary constraints, and the drive to improve provision and efficiency, how should colleges approach the process of strengthening leadership and making better use of support staff - and what outside help might they need? How could capacity in the FE sector be improved to enable providers to implement the Post-16 Skills Plan, amidst concerns raised by providers about the lack of capacity within the sector amidst budgetary constraints? The Public Accounts Committee has recommended that intervention measures be streamlined when a college is classed as financially 'inadequate' by the Skills Funding Agency - how could this be achieved and would it help provide more clarity to intervention plans? In light of concerns raised around the funding arrangements for sixth form colleges, how can colleges be supported to overcome financial constraints - should they consider taking up academy status? How can collaborative partnerships between schools and colleges be encouraged to ensure a smooth flow of students and to keep overall running costs down? What would be the likely impact of the outcome of the EU referendum on the financial sustainability of FE institutions including its impact on the retention of international pupils and staff?
Kevin Gilmartin, Colleges Specialist, ASCL
Bill Watkin, Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association
Tim Proud, Assistant Principal, Itchen Sixth Form College, Hampshire
Janet Clark, Education Policy Adviser, ATL
Questions and comments from the floor with **Karen Dukes**, Partner, Restructuring Lead, Education, PwC
- 10.30 - 10.55 **Moving towards a more efficient and effective FE landscape - the impact of area reviews**
Sir David Collins, Further Education Commissioner, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education and Lifelong Learning
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Kelvin Hopkins MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sixth Form Colleges
- 11.30 - 11.55 **The future 16-19 policy direction**
Warwick Sharp, Deputy Director, Head of Vocational Education and 16-19 Strategy, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.05 **Ensuring the quality and standards of post-16 qualifications**
Catherine Large, Interim Director, Strategic Relationships for Vocational Qualifications, Ofqual
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Implementing the Post-16 Skills Plan - qualifications, Maths and English for post-16 learners, new progress measures, employer engagement and routes into higher education**
Technical education and training - improving quality and the reforms to options available for post-16 learners
Stephen Wright, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Awarding Bodies (FAB)
The effective delivery of post-16 Maths and English - qualifications on offer and tackling resource implications
Sue Southwood, Programme Manager, Professional Standards and Workforce Development, Education and Training Foundation
The new progress 8 performance measure - challenges for meeting the standards and the likely impact on overall provision
John Winkley, Director, AlphaPlus Consultancy and Chair of Academy Trustees, Beckfoot Trust
Promoting employer involvement and addressing engagement barriers to help post-16 provision meet employer needs
Paul Warner, Director of Policy and Strategy, Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP)
Improving access to higher education - diversifying routes into HE
James Cannon, Education Liaison and Outreach Manager, Kingston University, London
Questions and comments from the floor with **Catherine Large**, Interim Director, Strategic Relationships for Vocational Qualifications, Ofqual
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Kelvin Hopkins MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sixth Form Colleges
Dieuni Welihinda, Associate Producer, Westminster Education Forum