

THE ASSEMBLY

19 MAY 2004

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND LIBRARIES

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN	FOR DECISION	
<p><i>To present to the Assembly the update of the Education Development Plan (EDP) for 2004/05</i></p> <p>Summary</p> <p>In April 2002 the Council's second EDP (EDP2), covering the period 2002-07, was agreed by the Council and the DfES. The plan outlines our priorities for school improvement and includes details of how these priorities will be pursued. The original plan received very favourable feedback from both the DfES and OFSTED.</p> <p>We are required to review the priorities on an annual basis and update the plan accordingly.</p> <p>As the updated EDP2 for 2004-05 is a lengthy document (over 200 pages), it has been circulated separately to members.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Assembly is asked to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The updated Plan for confirmation to the DfES.2. The School Improvement Priorities and Activities for 2004/05. <p>Reason</p> <p>The Council needs to ensure that it continues to challenge and support local schools and their pupils to achieve at the highest possible level. The EDP remains the key document outlining the Council's strategy for school improvement.</p>		
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1 Background

- 1.1 EDP2 was agreed by the Council and the DfES in April 2002. The plan covers the 5 year period 2002-07. The plan sets out the eight priority areas agreed between the Council and its partners in education. These priorities are:

- 1) Promoting social inclusion
- 2) Raising standards in literacy at all levels of attainment
- 3) Raising standards in numeracy at all levels of attainment
- 4) Raising standards for primary children (Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 and 2)
- 5) Key Stage 3 Improvement
- 6) Raising standards at GCSE and above
- 7) Attainment through support for school management
- 8) Improve the teaching and use of ICT in schools

These priorities remain in the updated plan for 2004/05 and the update includes details of activities within each priority area to be implemented during 2004/05.

2 Changes to note within the 2004/05 update

- 2.1 The original plan for 2002-07 includes Borough level performance targets to be achieved by 2004, including: targets for attainment at Key Stages 2, 3 and 4; attendance targets; and attainment targets for looked after children and children from ethnic minorities. The update also contains borough level targets for 2005. Attainment targets are included for all schools for 2004 and 2005 with pupils at Key Stages 2, 3 and 4.
- 2.2 The plan brings together a wide range of related activities and the updated plan refers to the following:
 - Every Child Matters
 - Thames Gateway regeneration
 - Public Service Agreement
- 2.3 Three activity areas under Priority 1 – Promoting Inclusion – have been combined into one to focus the work of the priority area. The new activity area (1.1) is titled “Develop and implement a strategy for pupils with SEN or a disability and other vulnerable groups and support schools to raise attainment.” (This replaces activities 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 in the March 2003 EDP2 update).
- 2.4 The OFSTED consultation with schools is now known as the Audit Commission annual schools’ survey. The Audit Commission conducts this survey on an annual basis asking schools to rate their views of the LEA’s support and services. These results are fed back to OFSTED for use during LEA inspections.

Background Papers

EDP (2002-07) – January 2002

EDP Update and Consultation (2004-05) – December 2003

DfES EDP Update Guidance (2004-05)