

Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver

Consultations Questions

1 Do you agree that transferring funding from the LSC to local authorities to create a single local strategic leader for 14-19 education and training is the right approach?

2 Do you agree that the model we have proposed for transferring funding to the local authority is the best way to give local authorities effective powers to commission, to balance the budget, create coherence for providers and retain the national funding formula?

Do you agree that there is a need for:

3 a) Sub-regional groupings of local authorities for commissioning?

3 b) Authorities to come together regionally to consider plans collectively

3 c) A slim national 14-19 agency with reserve powers to balance the budget and step in if needed?

4 Do you agree that we have described the way that these bodies would function in broadly the right way? Is the balance of responsibilities between them right?

5 Do you agree that there is a need for a single local authority to lead the conversation with each provider?

6 Do you agree with the proposed approach for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities?

7 a) Do you agree that local authorities should be responsible for commissioning provision for young offenders in custodial institutions?

7 b) Do you favour the 'host' funding model, or the model where 'home' authorities are charged?

7 c) Are there planning or legislative levers other than funding systems which would create the right responsibilities and incentives to promote the best outcomes for this group of young people?

Do you agree with:

8 a) Proposals to ensure that informed learner choices should be a key part of shaping the system?

8 b) The proposed approach to a common performance management framework based on the Framework for Excellence?

9 Do you agree with the proposals for managing changes to 16-19 organisation and adjusting the arrangements for 16-19 competitions and presumptions?

Are you content with the proposals:

10 a) To retain a national funding formula based closely on the existing one?

10 b) For funding to flow to institutions on the basis described?

11 Would you support a move to a single national 14-19 funding system?

12 Do you agree with the proposals for capital funding?

13 Do these proposals about timescale and transition appear reasonable?

14 Do you agree with the proposal to create a new Skills Funding Agency to replace the Learning and Skills Council post-19?

15 Do you agree with the proposed role of the Agency?

16 Do you agree with the funding and commissioning role proposed for the Skills Funding Agency?

17 Do the proposals in this chapter reflect the right balance of strategic commissioning and individual customer choice?

18 Do you agree with the proposals on performance management and the performance intervention role of the Skills Funding Agency?

19 Have we got the right approach to sponsorship of the FE sector as a whole?

20 Do you agree that each of the functions in this chapter should be performed by the Skills Funding Agency?

21 Do you agree with this description of the wider skills landscape within which the Skills Funding Agency will operate?

22 Have you any further comments?