

# Strategic Re-platforming Project

## Update

# Where are we?



- During the Elaboration stage of the Strategic Re-platforming project it was concluded that not all of the scope of Strategic Re-platforming and decommissioning can be delivered to support the business critical dates and within the available funding envelope.
- There was a review of options on what could be delivered within the time frame and cost, whilst maintaining quality and work with the Agency.
- To reduce the risk to the business it has been agreed that this should be a multiyear project and that a reduced set of changes should be made to the Data Collection Suite for delivery ready for 11/12 academic year.
- These changes will meet the current known business / policy changes, as well as moving the Data Collection systems towards the Data Service Blueprint.

# Chosen option - summary



- 2011/12 rollover of the OLDC application and updates to the PIMS application, concentrating on essential rollover activities and keeping the number of releases and changes to a minimum
- Oracle Policy Automation (OPA)
- LAD → LARA
- Learner Information Suite

## Single Restructured Learner Record (SRLR) and XML



- To incorporate a revised, restructured ILR (SRLR) into the data collection process
- Providers will have the option to upload an SRLR file generated from their own system to the Data Collections portal, or to convert from flat file to XML using the LIS desktop

# Oracle Policy Automation (OPA)



- OPA (Oracle Policy Automation) rules being implemented, which will enable the Data Service and business to develop and update business rules and funding calculation changes without major system upgrades and releases.
- Building the capability within LIS desktop and OLDC to use rules defined within Oracle Policy Management
- Using OPA for the implementation of rules in the LAD Replatforming.
- OPA is designed to improve responsiveness to policy changes.

# Learner Information Suite (LIS)



Enhancements include:

- to include the OPA module, to enable greater flexibility in the maintenance of the funding calculation and synchronisation with the OLDC system
- functionally to convert existing flat file format ILR to the revised restructure XML ILR.
- validate both XML and flat format ILR files.

# LAD → LARA



- Replacement of LAD with new Learning Aims solution to support Learning Aims Lifecycle arising from QCF (LARA)
- LARA – Learning Aims Reference Application
- Learning Aims data in a new format that provides:
  - Learning Aims for the 2011/12 academic year
  - Ability to import data from authorised sources (Ofqual, DfE, UK-CES, QAA, HEFCE, Awarding Organisations, learning providers)
- Flexible processes and workflow - reducing time taken to publish funding decisions
- Ability to publish Learning Aims via the Data Service portal to both public and private (authenticated) users.
- New look and feel, new location.
- Increase system flexibility as well as lowering ongoing maintenance cost by reducing the ongoing dependence of bespoke technology.



# QUESTIONS