



The information authority

Paper 06: Protocol between the Single Voice
and sector-led groups

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1. What are we asking the board to do?

The board is being asked to approve a protocol between the Single Voice and *the information authority* (and other sector – led groups)

2. Introduction

The Single Voice is the provider-led organisation which represents the collective view of the Further Education sector on regulatory matters through strategic dialogue with Government and its agencies.

There are a number of organisations in the sector which have been set up to support self regulation and drive efficiency. These are: *the information authority*, the FE and Training Bureaucracy Reduction Group, the FE Communications Gateway Panel and the FE Reputation Strategy Group.

It has been recognised that all these organisations need to work together to support self regulation, to maximise impact and avoid duplication.

3. Protocol between the Single Voice and *the information authority* (and other groups)

Over the last few months, the Single Voice, *the information authority* and the other sector-led groups have been working on a protocol. This recognises a sponsorship role for the Single Voice and sets out how the various groups will align their work to achieve maximum impact. The aim is to achieve this while not introducing any restrictions on the work of the groups or additional bureaucracy.

Steps have already been taken by the secretariat to align work e.g. with the Bureaucracy Reduction Group

The board is asked to approve the attached protocol.

4. Next Steps

On approval by the board of the protocol, this will be signed by the chairs of the various organisations. The secretariat will continue to align work with the groups and the Single Voice where this makes sense, and to exchange information.

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