



The information authority

Paper 10: 'Raising expectations' response

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1. What are we asking the board to do?

The board is asked to approve a response from *the information authority* to the consultation 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver '.

2. Introduction

In March DIUS / DCSF published a consultation 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver '. This stems from the desire to move all responsibilities for children including funding for 16-18 education to local authorities. The consultation ends on 9th June.

3. The response from *the information authority*

The consultation document describes:

- proposed contracting mechanisms for learning provision in Further Education for pre- and post -19 learners
- new institutions (Young Peoples Learning Agency, Skills Funding Agency)
- changes to local authority responsibilities
- relationships with other organisations e.g. the new FE data service and *the information authority*

The secretariat examined these proposals from the perspective of:

- potential increases in data bureaucracy in the FE system
- the need for common standards in information (and related processes) to ensure efficiency
- implications for the operation of *the information authority* itself

An analysis of the potential implications was shared with the board in April and comments sought on a draft response to the consultation. The attached document has incorporated the comments from board members.

The board is asked to approve the response document.

4. Next Steps

Following board approval, the response document will be submitted to DIUS / DCSF. The secretariat will continue to work with DIUS and the LSC on the practical implications and implementation e.g. governance arrangements, as the new arrangements evolve.

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