



Title: Partnership Feedback

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Date of meeting	22.09.14 & 18.11.14
Date of next meeting	13.01.15
1	<p>Presentation on challenges and opportunities for Higher Education by Simon Thompson (University of Sussex). Interesting discussions on the changes to Initial Teacher Training and the impact on both universities and schools.</p> <p>Strategic Board of Learning Partnership recognises importance and mutual benefits of working in strong partnership with the two well-regarded universities (University of Sussex & University of Brighton and their key role on the Board.</p>
2	<p>Closer working of Learning Partnership and City Employment and Skills (CE&S).</p> <p>Presentation from Sussex Learning Network at September meeting.</p> <p>Member from CE&S also now sits on Learning Partnership Strategic Board.</p> <p>Next term will set up a joint meeting between the two partnerships.</p> <p>Key discussions on 'employability' skills shortage, Information, Advice & Guidance and apprenticeships.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>Equalities matters on every Board agenda. September meeting considered the Special Educational Needs and Disability Review presented by Regan Delf Temporary Assistant Director. Strategic Board focused on high priority of raising standards across the city particularly at Key Stage 4 (Secondary schools) and closing the gap in achievement for the most vulnerable pupils and students. Strategic Board receives reports on strategies such as City-Wide Maths and Closing the Gap.</p> <p>Following the City-Wide Maths Strategy 2014 saw an increase in maths outcomes for nearly all phases of education.</p> <p>Closing the Gap Strategy now entering its second year - varying impact across the city and remains a major focus for the city. Every school has nominated a 'Closing the Gap Champion'.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p> <p>Pinaki Ghoshal Director of Children's Services currently chairs Learning Partnership Strategic Board</p>	