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Reviewing post-16 education and training institutions: area reviews (waves 1, 2 and 3)

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About the reviews

The government's policy statement [Reviewing Post-16 Education and Training Institutions](#) set out our approach to facilitating a restructuring of the further education sector. This will be done through a series of area based reviews of provision.

This statement sets out:

- the scope of the area reviews that make up the first waves
- confirmation of the 7 areas included in the third wave, including the final 2 London sub-regional reviews

The waves include details of the local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) covered by the relevant review. The area reviews in wave 1 began in September to November 2015, those in wave 2 started in January 2016 and those in wave 3 began in April 2016.

Each review, including the sub-regional reviews, will start by assessing the economic and educational needs of the area, and the implications for post-16 education and training provision, including:

- school sixth forms
- sixth form colleges
- further education colleges
- independent providers

The reviews will then focus on the current structure of further education and sixth form colleges, although there will be opportunities for other institutions (including schools and independent providers) to opt in to this stage of the analysis. Regional School Commissioners will consider the implications of the first stage of the analysis for school sixth form provision.

Steering groups

The reviews will be led by steering groups made up of:

- chairs of governors supported by their college principals
- LEPs and local authorities
- FE and sixth form college commissioners
- regional schools commissioners

Greater London

For Greater London there will be 4 sub-regional reviews in total. London (West) and London (Central) are included in wave 2, and London (South) and London (East) are included in wave 3. Each London sub-regional review will include representation from regional organisations. An overarching London Area Review Steering Group, chaired by the Mayor of London, will oversee the sub-regional reviews and ensure that the recommendations and outcomes of the reviews are co-ordinated.

Aims

This approach aims to move towards fewer, larger, more resilient and efficient providers, and more effective collaboration across institution types. It will be important to create greater specialisation by establishing institutions that are genuine centres of expertise. These will be able to support sustained progression in professional and technical disciplines, alongside excellence in other fundamental areas – such as English and maths.

This will ensure that we have the right capacity to provide good education and training for our young people and adults across England. In the longer term, the greater specialisation resulting from a review will help with the creation of a new network of prestigious Institutes of Technology. These new institutions will work collaboratively with other colleges and providers, including National Colleges, to deliver high standard technical and professional education at levels 3, 4 and 5.

Further information on each review is provided below. Please send any questions to area.reviews@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Wave 1

Birmingham and Solihull

Birmingham and Solihull colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Birmingham Metropolitan College
- Bournville College
- Solihull College
- South and City College Birmingham

Sixth form colleges

- Cadbury Sixth Form College
- Joseph Chamberlain College
- The Sixth Form College Solihull

Local authorities and LEAs

- Birmingham City Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

- Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 18 September.

Chair of the local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

Greater Manchester

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Bolton College
- Bury College
- Hopwood Hall College
- Salford City College
- Stockport College
- Tameside College
- The Manchester College
- The Oldham College
- Trafford College
- Wigan and Leigh College

Sixth form colleges

- Aquinas College

- Ashton-Under-Lyne Sixth Form College
- Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College
- Holy Cross College
- Xaverian College
- Loreto College
- Oldham Sixth Form College
- St John Rigby RC Sixth Form College
- Rochdale Sixth Form College
- Winstanley Sixth Form College
- Bolton Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority representing:
 - Bolton Council
 - Bury Council
 - Manchester City Council
 - Oldham Council
 - Rochdale Council
 - Salford City Council
 - Stockport Council
 - Tameside Council
 - Trafford Council
 - Wigan Council
- Greater Manchester LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 21 September.

Chair of the local steering group: Theresa Grant, Chief Executive of Trafford City Council.

Area review team lead: John Barber.

Sheffield city region

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Barnsley College
- Chesterfield College
- Dearne Valley College
- Doncaster College
- North Nottinghamshire College
- Rotherham College
- Sheffield College

Sixth form colleges

- Thomas Rotherham College
- Longley Park

Local authorities and LEPs

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sheffield City Council
- Chesterfield Borough Council

- Bassetlaw District Council
- Bolsover District Council
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- North East Derbyshire
- Sheffield City Region LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 28 September.

Chairs of the local steering group: Nigel Brewster and Julie Kenny, business representatives from Sheffield City Region LEP.

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer.

Tees Valley

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Cleveland College of Art and Design
- Darlington College
- Hartlepool College of Further Education
- Middlesbrough College
- Redcar and Cleveland College
- Stockton Riverside College

Sixth form colleges

- Hartlepool Sixth Form College
- Prior Pursglove College
- Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington
- Stockton Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Darlington Borough Council
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Middlesbrough Borough Council
- Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- Tees Valley Unlimited (LEP)

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 1 October.

Chairs of the local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner and Gill Alexander, CEO Hartlepool Borough Council.

Area review team lead: Mickey Burke / Sue Pickerill.

Sussex

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

Central Sussex College

- Chichester College
- City College, Brighton and Hove
- Northbrook College, Sussex
- Plumpton College
- Sussex Coast College
- Sussex Downs College
- Worthing College

Sixth form colleges

- Bexhill College
- Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College
- Varndean College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Brighton and Hove City Council
- East Sussex County Council
- West Sussex County Council
- Coast to Capital LEP
- South East LEP

Local authorities and LEPs

- Hampshire County Council
- Isle of Wight Council
- Portsmouth Council

- Southampton City Council
- Solent LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 5 November.

Chair of the local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

Solent

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Brockenhurst College
- Eastleigh College
- Fareham College
- Highbury College
- Isle of Wight College
- Southampton City College
- South Downs College

Sixth form colleges

- Barton Peveril College
- Havant College
- Itchen College

- Portsmouth College
- Richard Taunton's Sixth Form College
- St Vincent College

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 5 November.

Chair of the local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

West Yorkshire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Bradford College
- Calderdale College
- Kirklees College
- Leeds City College
- Leeds College of Building
- Shipley College
- Wakefield College

Sixth form colleges

- Greenhead College
- Huddersfield New College

- New College Pontefract
- Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Calderdale Council
- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Kirklees Council
- Leeds City Council
- Wakefield Council
- Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 16 November.

Chair of the local steering group: Cllr David Green, Leader of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer.

Wave 2

The Marches and Worcestershire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Heart of Worcestershire College
- Hereford College of Arts
- Herefordshire and Ludlow College
- Kidderminster College
- North Shropshire College
- Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology
- South Worcestershire College
- Telford College of Arts and Technology

Sixth form colleges

- Hereford Sixth Form College
- New College Telford
- Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
- Worcester Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Herefordshire Council
- Shropshire Council
- Telford and Wrekin Council
- Worcestershire County Council
- The Marches LEP
- Worcestershire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Monday 18 January 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Peter Mucklow, the Sixth Form College

Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Jan Downie.

Thames Valley

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Abingdon and Witney College
- Activate Learning (City of Oxford College, Banbury and Bicester College and Reading College)
- Amersham and Wycombe College
- Aylesbury College
- Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Bracknell and Wokingham College
- East Berkshire College
- Newbury College

Sixth form colleges

- The Henley College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council
- Bracknell Forest Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Reading Borough Council
- Slough Borough Council
- West Berkshire Council
- Wokingham Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP
- Oxfordshire LEP
- SEMLEP (South East Midlands)
- Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 21 January 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

West of England

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Bath College
- City of Bristol College
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
- Weston College of Further Education

Sixth form colleges

- St Brendan's Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Bristol City Council
- South Gloucestershire Council
- North Somerset Council
- West of England LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 28 January 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Jan Downie.

Cheshire and Warrington

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Macclesfield College

- Mid Cheshire College
- Reaseheath College (specialist land based)
 - South Cheshire College
 - Warrington Collegiate
 - West Cheshire College

Sixth form colleges

- Priestley College
- Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Cheshire West and Chester Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire and Warrington LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 29 January 2016

Chair of local steering group: David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: John Barber

Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire

Colleges in scope of the review

FE colleges

- Burton and South Derbyshire College
- Newcastle-under-Lyme College
- South Staffordshire College
- Stafford College
- Stoke-on-Trent College

Sixth form colleges

- City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Staffordshire County Council
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP
- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 5 February 2016

Chair of the local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner

Area review team lead: John Barber

London (West)

Colleges in scope of the review

FE colleges

- Barnet and Southgate College
- The College of North West London
- Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College
- Harrow College
- Stanmore College of Further Education Corporation
- Uxbridge College
- West Thames College

Sixth form colleges

- St Dominic's Sixth Form College
- Woodhouse Sixth Form College

Local authorities (collectively the West London Alliance):

- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Brent
- London Borough of Ealing
- London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
- London Borough of Harrow
- London Borough of Hillingdon
- London Borough of Hounslow

LEP and regional government

- London Enterprise Panel
- Greater London Authority
- London Councils
- West London Alliance – West London Partnership

First meeting of the local steering group: Tuesday 8 March 2016

Chair of local steering group: Cllr Steve Curran, Leader of London Borough of Hounslow.

Deputy Chair: Pauline Stannett, HR Director at Heathrow.

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer.

Surrey

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Brooklands College
- East Surrey College
- Guildford College
- North East Surrey College of Technology

Sixth form colleges

- College of Richard Collyer
- Esher College
- Godalming College
- Reigate College
- Strode's College
- Woking College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Surrey County Council
- Coast to Capital LEP
- Enterprise M3 LEP
- Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 10 March 2016

Chair of the local steering group: Peter Mucklow, Sixth Form College
Commissioner

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone

London (Central)

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- City and Islington College
- City of Westminster College
- College of Haringey, Enfield and North-East London
- Hackney Community College
- Kensington and Chelsea College
- Lambeth College
- Lewisham Southwark College
- South Thames College
- Tower Hamlets College
- Westminster Kingsway College

Specialist designated institutions

- The City Literary Institute
- Morley College
- Working Men's College

Sixth form colleges

- Brooke House Sixth Form College
- Christ the King Sixth Form College
- St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
- St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College

Local authorities

- London Borough of Camden
- City of London
- City of Westminster
- London Borough of Hackney
- London Borough of Haringey
- London Borough of Islington
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- London Borough of Lambeth
- London Borough of Lewisham
- London Borough of Southwark
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- London Borough of Wandsworth

LEP and regional government

- London Enterprise Panel
- Greater London Authority
- Central London Forward
- London Councils

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 17 March 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Cllr Peter John OBE, Leader of London Borough of Southwark.

Deputy Chair: a business representative (to be confirmed).

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer

Wave 3

Cumbria

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Carlisle College
- Furness College
- Kendal College
- Lakes College West Cumbria

Sixth form colleges

- Barrow in Furness Sixth Form College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Cumbria County Council
- Cumbria LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Wednesday 13 April 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Peter Mucklow, Sixth Form College
Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Margaret Cobb.

Liverpool City Region

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- City of Liverpool College
- Hugh Baird College
- Knowsley Community College
- Riverside College
- Southport College
- St Helens college
- Wirral Metropolitan College

Sixth form colleges

- Birkenhead Sixth Form College
- Carmel College
- King George V College

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- South Sefton College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Halton Metropolitan Borough Council
- Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Liverpool City Council
- Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
- St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
- Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council
- Liverpool City Region LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Thursday 12 May 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Cllr Ian Maher, Leader of Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council.

Area review team lead: John Barber.

London (South)

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Carshalton College
- Croydon College
- Kingston College
- Richmond Adult Community College (RACC)
- Richmond upon Thames college

Sixth form colleges

- Coulsdon Sixth Form College
- John Ruskin Sixth Form College

Local authorities

- London Borough of Croydon
- Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
- London Borough of Merton
- London Borough of Richmond
- London Borough of Sutton

LEP and regional government

- London Enterprise Panel
- Greater London Authority
- London Councils
- South London Partnership

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 22 April 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of London Borough of Sutton.

Deputy Chair: Diana Sterk, Chief Executive, Merton Chamber of Commerce, (to be confirmed).

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer

Black Country

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- City of Wolverhampton College
- Dudley College
- Halesowen College
- Sandwell College
- Walsall College

Sixth form colleges

- King Edward VI College

Local authorities and LEPs

- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Walsall Council
- Wolverhampton City Council
- Black Country LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 29 April 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone / Helen Kaczmarek.

Coventry and Warwickshire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- City College Coventry
- Henley College Coventry
- Hereward College of Further Education
- North Warwickshire and Hinkley College
- Stratford Upon Avon College
- Warwickshire College
- South Leicestershire College

Sixth form colleges

- King Edward VI College, Nuneaton

Local authorities and LEPs

- Coventry City Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Coventry & Warwickshire LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Wednesday 4 May 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Sir David Collins, FE Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

London (East)

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Barking and Dagenham College
- Bexley College
- Bromley College of Further and Higher Education
- Greenwich Community College
- Havering College of Further and Higher Education
- Newham College of Further Education
- Redbridge College
- Waltham Forest College

Sixth form colleges

- Havering Sixth Form College

- Leyton Sixth Form College
- Newham Sixth Form College
- Sir George Monoux Sixth Form College

Local authorities

- London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Borough of Bromley
- London Borough of Enfield
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Havering
- London Borough of Newham
- London Borough of Redbridge
- London Borough of Waltham Forest

LEP and regional government

- London Enterprise Panel
- Greater London Authority
- Central London Forward
- London Councils

First meeting of the local steering group: Tuesday 10 May 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Cllr Darren Rodwell, Leader of London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Deputy Chair: a business representative (to be confirmed).

Area review team lead: Damon Boxer.

Hampshire

Colleges in scope of the review:

FE colleges

- Basingstoke College
- Farnborough College
- Sparsholt College (Specialist Agricultural College)

Sixth form colleges

- Alton College
- Peter Symonds Sixth Form College
- Queen Mary College
- The Sixth Form College Farnborough

Local authorities and LEPs

- Hampshire County Council
- Enterprise M3 LEP

First meeting of the local steering group: Friday 6 May 2016.

Chair of local steering group: Peter Mucklow, Sixth Form College
Commissioner.

Area review team lead: Lynne Tabone.

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