

# Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver

## Consultation Response Form

*The closing date for this consultation is: 9th June 2008.  
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**Which best describes you:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young person (under 18)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent or carer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult learner                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching staff   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional working with young people | <input type="checkbox"/> Headteacher/college principal/ leader of educational institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local authority                        | <input type="checkbox"/> School   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Further Education College      | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector organisation                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Form College                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary and community sector organisation                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary College                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Work-based learning provider                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large employer                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Small or medium-sized employer                                   |

Other (please specify):

## Chapter 2: Local authorities commissioning provision to meet the needs of young people

1. Do you agree that transferring funding from the LSC to local authorities to create a single local strategic leader for 14-19 education and training is the right approach?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 3: Operational models for commissioning

2. Do you agree that the model we have proposed for transferring funding to the local authority is the best way to give local authorities effective powers to commission, to balance the budget, create coherence for providers and retain the national funding formula?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

3. Do you agree that there is a need for:

- 3a. Sub-regional groupings of local authorities for commissioning?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

**3b. Authorities to come together regionally to consider plans collectively?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

**3c. A slim national 14-19 agency with reserve powers to balance the budget and step in if needed?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

4. Do you agree that we have described the way that these bodies would function in broadly the right way? Is the balance of responsibilities between them right?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

5. Do you agree that there is a need for a single local authority to lead the conversation with each provider?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:



6. Do you agree with the proposed approach for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

7. Do you agree that local authorities should be responsible for commissioning provision for young offenders in custodial institutions?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

**7a. Do you favour the 'host' funding model, or the model where 'home' authorities are charged?**

Host

Home

Not sure

**Comments:**

**7b. Are there planning or legislative levers other than funding systems which would create the right responsibilities and incentives to promote the best outcomes for this group of young people?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 4: Management of the system

8. Do you agree with:

8a. Proposals to ensure that informed learner choices should be a key part of shaping the system?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

8b. The proposed approach to a common performance management framework based on the Framework for Excellence?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

**8c. The local authority role in commissioning to improve quality?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

**9. Do you agree with the proposals for managing changes to 16-19 organisation and adjusting the arrangements for 16-19 competitions and presumptions?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 5: Funding

10. Are you content with the proposals:

10a. To retain a national funding formula based closely on the existing one?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

10b. For funding to flow to institutions on the basis described?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

**11. Would you support a move to a single national 14-19 funding system?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

**12. Do you agree with the proposals for capital funding?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 6: Implementation

13. Do these proposals about timescale and transition appear reasonable?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 7: Reforming the post-19 skills system to secure better outcomes for adults

14. Do you agree with the proposal to create a new Skills Funding Agency to replace the Learning and Skills Council post-19?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

15. Do you agree with the proposed role of the Agency?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:



## Chapter 8: Funding and commissioning

16. Do you agree with the funding and commissioning role proposed for the Skills Funding Agency?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

17. Do the proposals in this chapter reflect the right balance of strategic commissioning and individual customer choice?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

## Chapter 9: Sponsorship of the FE system

18. Do you agree with the proposals on performance management and the performance intervention role of the Skills Funding Agency?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

19. Have we got the right approach to sponsorship of the FE sector as a whole?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 10: An integrated system: other functions of the Skills Funding Agency

20. Do you agree that each of the functions in this chapter should be performed by the Skills Funding Agency?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**

## Chapter 11: An integrated system: how the Skills Funding Agency fits into the wider skills landscape

21. Do you agree with this description of the wider skills landscape within which the Skills Funding Agency will operate?

Yes

No

Not sure

**Comments:**