

Summary of Reports for Item 6 – Further Education

Report of the Independent Panel on Technical Education (April 2016)

Independent review of technical education in England. The review provides a broad assessment of the challenges within the current system (principally quality, complexity and financial sustainability) and makes recommendations to government.

Post-16 Skills Plan (July 2016)

Government plan in response to the Panel's report. There is agreement on the challenges identified and all recommendations were accepted (within financial constraints). The Plan sets out a way forward and will be supported by a new bill introduced in October 2016.

Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark Skills Analysis (CESI report)

Presentation mapping labour markets trends, challenges and progress across the three boroughs.

Together these documents paint a clear picture of the labour market position now, and likely changes to FE and technical education in the medium term. Developing a good understanding of short- and medium skills demand locally will help root our application of these documents in Southwark and across the three boroughs.