

Item 6

Update on Education Services Company and the new Council structure

Schools' Funding Forum
30 June 2017

Context

- Decision made by KCC Cabinet in March 2017 to establish an Education Services Company
- Aim is to secure services for schools in the future and ensure their sustainability
- The company will be wholly owned by KCC and will provide statutory services and traded activity to generate more income in response to government funding reductions for LA services
- The intention is to ensure Education Services are delivered in partnership with schools and Headteachers and Governors have a large influence over how the company operates
- We have the most impact when we act in partnership with schools and Early Years settings and bring together combined effort and resources
- Continue with a strong focus on delivering good services to schools and improving educational outcomes
- The new company will have more freedoms and ability to support KCC in delivering its statutory functions

Scope of Services Involved

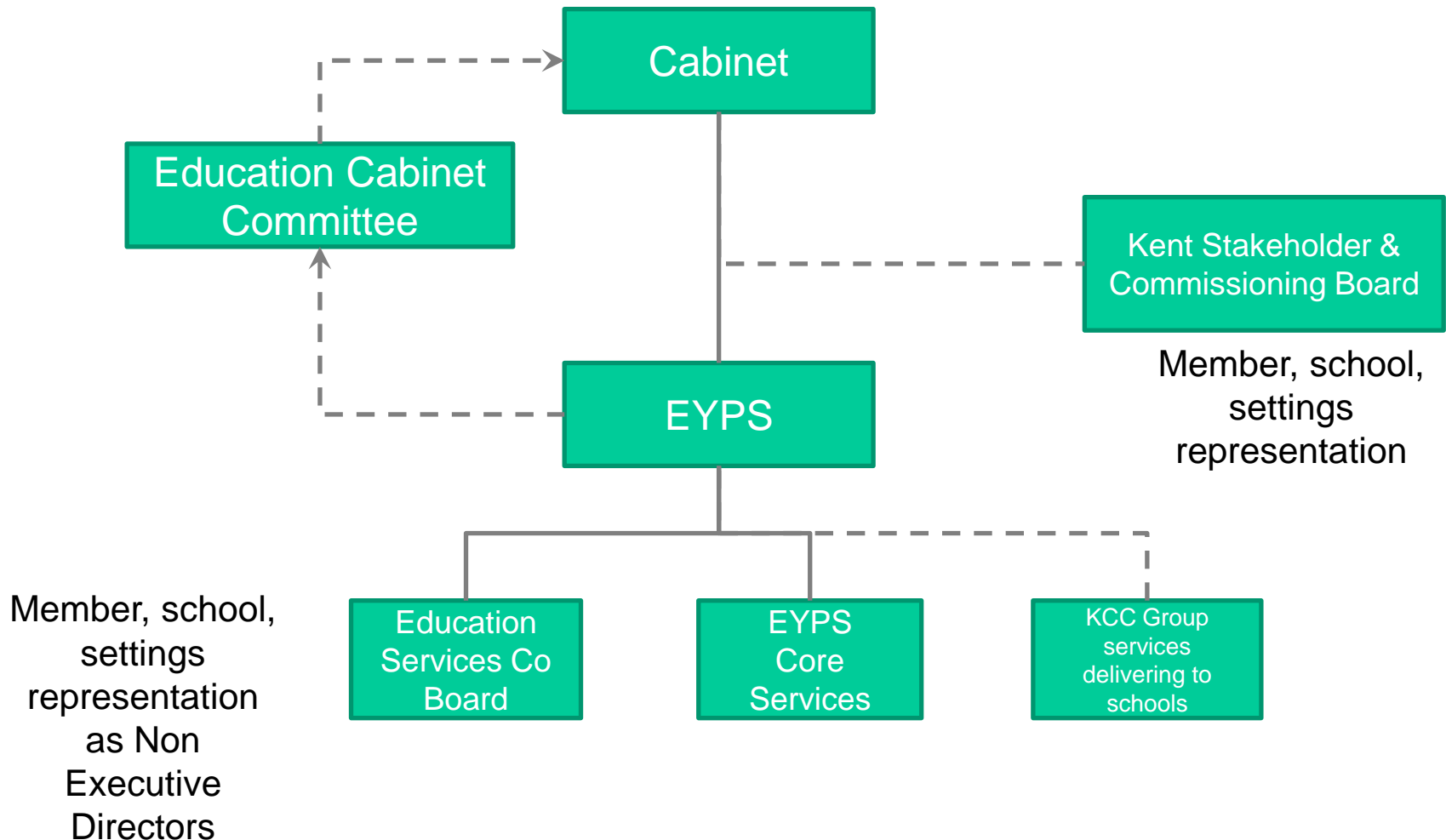
IN the new Company	REMAINING in KCC
School Improvement incl. Governor Services	Early Help & Preventative Services
Outdoor Education	SEN
Schools Financial Services	Fair Access, Admissions
Early Years and Childcare	Area Education Officers
Education Psychology	Provision, Planning & Operations
Skills and Employability	Academies Conversion
Education Safeguarding Service	Community Learning and Skills
EduKent – marketing and billing	

Outdoor Education will be brought together as a single service – it is currently delivered across multiple service areas.

Governance

- A new Kent Stakeholder and Commissioning board will provide KCC oversight and schools (and other settings) with a greater influence over the delivery of education services in Kent
- Critical to have stronger working partnership with Kent schools and settings
- Board will exert strong influence over delivery of Education Services from both KCC and the proposed new company

Proposed Governance Structure



Stakeholder and Commissioning Board

Responsibilities include

- Commissioning activity and service delivery to achieve the plan, strategies, outcomes and policies agreed by KCC
- Reviewing and endorsing the EYPS plan and vision, and commissioning plan for education services
- Reviewing and endorsing the business plan for the Education Services Company
- Reviewing, monitoring and providing challenge on the EYPS service performance reports
- Reviewing, monitoring and providing challenge on the Education Service Company performance reports
- Reviewing and endorsing contract management reports from KCC officers and agreeing actions to improve delivery of key contractual expectations and standards.

It is proposed the group meets 6 times a year

Stakeholder and Commissioning Board Membership

- Cabinet Member – Children Young People and Education
- Corporate Director – Children's Services
- Service Directors – Children's Services
- KGA Chair
- Headteachers - KAH Chair and Area Board Chairs
- Early Years and Childcare representative
- Chair Kent FE College Principals
- Health Representative
- Chair of KASS
- KCC Strategic Commissioner

Next Steps

- Name and brand the company
- Agree company values
- Develop the Business Plan
- Appoint CEO and Directors
- Establish the company board with a Chair and Non Executive Directors
- Plan is to launch the company by the end of 2017 or early 2018