

Lyons Inquiry into Local Government

Promoting economic prosperity: considering the implications of Eddington, Barker and Leitch. Questions for stakeholders.

Leitch Review of Skills

The report makes reference to local authorities' new strategic responsibility and engagement with children and young peoples services. In Lincolnshire we have established the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership to manage children's services more effectively. It is at this strategic level that I would suggest is how local authorities could relate most effectively to a reformed Learning and Skills council on 14-19 issues, and align priorities and delivery mechanisms. Currently a restructure of Youth Services and Connexions is taking place which possibly affords opportunities for different options for managing the division of responsibilities.

Clearly there are obvious links with employment and skills provision and education services. However there could also be stronger links with the more informal skills building services such as culture (libraries, sports, arts, play) that help build confidence and capacity, volunteering and development of the voluntary sector.

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