

## The Transfer of Commissioning and Funding of 16-19 Education to Local Authorities

The responsibility for commissioning and funding 16-19 education will transfer to local authorities in April 2010, as set out in the White Paper 'Raising Expectations' and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill. This activity is currently being managed by the Learning and Skills Council and is valued at around £7bn.

The React Programme (details on [www.lga.gov.uk/react](http://www.lga.gov.uk/react)) is the LGA-hosted sector-led support programme for the implementation of these changes.

### Ten 'Drop-Dead' Questions for Chief Executives

1. Do you know, to within, say, £10m, the likely transfer of revenue funding to your local authority in April 2010?
2. Does your sub-regional grouping have cross-authority member support?
3. Have you discussed the impact of these changes with the Chief Executives across your sub-regional grouping?
4. Are you treating these changes as a technical change within children's services or as a broader issue with corporate impact?
5. Have you developed an effective relationship with your local providers: FE colleges; sixth form colleges; independent providers; third sector providers?
6. If asked by a CAA inspector whether the 16-19 provision in your local authority was poor, satisfactory, good or outstanding, could you answer the question and evidence your response?
7. Do you know which of your LAA / MAA targets are likely to be affected by the transfer of responsibility?
8. Do you have a broad understanding of the new routes for education including GCSEs and A levels, Diplomas, Apprenticeships and the Foundation Learning Tier, and how these are being developed in your area?
9. Do you understand the impact on your local authority of the raising of the participation age to 17 in 2013 and age 18 in 2015?
10. Does your local authority have coherent governance arrangements between the 14-19 Partnership, the Children's Trust and Local Strategic Partnership?

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