What will be the role of RDAs in education and skills policy, from 14-19 to adult skills?

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Things to consider

- Future role of RDAs?
- Change in Government?
- Changes with education and skills (and employment) policy?

Current purposes of RDAs

Five Statutory Objectives;

To further economic development and regeneration
To promote business efficiency and competitiveness
To promote employment
To enhance the development and application of skills
To contribute to sustainable developments

Government Policy Reform

- Leitch Review of World Class Skills
- Sub National Review
- Innovation Nation
- Enterprise Strategy
- A new University Challenge
- The race to the top – The Sainsbury Review
- Higher Education at Work – High Skills: High Value
- Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver

Policy Context - Sub National Review

- **Single integrated regional strategy**
  - Economic, Planning, Transport, Housing
- **Changing Role for RDAs**
  - Strategic functions: IRS/TSB/Integrated Brokerage
  - New European Programme
- **Single Growth Strategy – GVA/head growth objective**
- **Delegation and move to Programme Management**
  - Strengthened role for Local Authorities
  - MAA Development

Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver

RAISING EXPECTATIONS

- Transfer of £7 billion to local authorities to help colleges and sixth forms deliver the reforms needed to raise the education and training leaving age to 18.
- Direct £4 billion a year to provide training and skills for adults, transforming the system to be responsive and demand-led.
- Full menu of choices - both the new Diplomas and Apprenticeships alongside GCSEs and A levels

Post 19

- Integrated Brokerage
- The Skills Funding Agency (SFA),
- National Apprenticeship Service, the Adult Advanced Careers Service, Train To Gain
- Regional Skills Partnerships
- Employment and Skills

Pre 19

- The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA),
- Local Authorities to deliver a flexible educational offer to all young people up to age 19.
- Regional Planning Forum