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Preparing for 14-19 Funding Shifts: Implications for Regional Skills Planning

Managing the Transition – Local Authority/ LSC Partnership

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- Minimising disruption to institutions/providers and learners
- Close co-operation to shape / influence policy and implementation
- Accelerating transition to anticipate changes and to develop management / staff capacity
- Maintaining strong economic/labour market focus in 14-19 phase
- Integrating pre-and post-19 strategies through Regional Skills Action Plan and LAAs

Regional Partnership Structure

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- Regional Strategic Planning Forum
- based on national ADCS/LSC agreement
- endorsed by DCSF and DIUS
- complementing/promoting local joint working
- anticipating future arrangements

- Membership
- All West Midlands Directors of Children's Services
- LSC senior team
- Government Office/DCSF
- Advantage West Midlands

Wider Machinery of Government Changes

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- Sub-National Review
  - **Single Integrated Regional Strategy**
  - **Devolution to local authorities (LA)**
  - **Enhanced LA economic development role, including worklessness**
  - **Integration of Skills Brokerage / Business Support**
- Local Area Agreements/Multi-Area Agreements
- Integration of Employment and Skills (IES)
  - **Links to LAAs**
  - **Employment and Skills Boards**
- "Work Skills"
  - **Co-commissioning**
  - **MAAs and devolved powers**
- Regional Funding Allocations?

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Regional Skills Action Plan

- **Embedded within RES**
- **Simplification**
- **Single employer engagement strategy**
- **Mapping roles / accountabilities of all partners regionally / sub-regionally**

• Integration of Employment and Skills (IES)

- **First regional Trial**
- **Rooted in LAAs**
- **MAA proposal for City Region**

• Employment and Skills Boards

• Alliance with SSCs

14-19/Regional Skills Planning (1)

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- 14-19/19+ continuum
- Alignment of process / geography
  - **LAAs / MAAs**
  - **Spatial alignment of SFA**
  - **Role of 14-19 Regional Planning Forum?**
- Relationship between 14-19 and economic strands in LAAs
- Apprenticeship in 14-19
  - **Role of National Apprenticeship Service**
  - **Vacancy Matching Service**
  - **Relationship with LAs/Connexions**
  - **Statutory entitlements**

14-19 Regional Skills Planning (2)

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- Infrastructure
  - **Inter-dependency of 14-19/19+ specialism**
  - **Joint capital planning**
- NEET and IES
  - **Single all-age strategy through LAA**
  - **Connexions and Adult Advancement Service**
- Employer Engagement