

# Working party

## **Working party**

Created after overwhelming interest in the EK proposal by Heads

Created to allow EK to develop in partnership with Heads

Fully representative with 7 Heads all from different phases

## **Role of the Working Party so far**

Through regular meetings refined the EK offer

Reported back to Heads

Consulted with colleagues and raised their concerns and questions

## **Project Board**

Finalise the offer

Project manager to investigate and deliver some of the technical requirements

# Timescale

Date:	Item:
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Meeting for Governors to discuss the EducationKingston Proposal
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	EK Project Board Meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Full Draft of EducationKingston Proposal completed
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug. - Fri 02 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2011	Preparation of Final Draft of EducationKingston Proposal
Monday 05 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Send Final Draft of EducationKingston Proposal to the EK Project Board for review and comments
Thursday 08 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	EK Project Board Meeting; sign-off Final Draft of EK Proposal. Final EducationKingston Proposal published and sent to Chair of Governors
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Meeting with Governors to discuss the published EK Proposal
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b>	<b>Deadline for formal 'sign-up' to EK for Governing Bodies</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Formal EducationKingston Proposal presented to the Council

# Why EK?

## Initial concerns

- Unclear on the offer
- Concerned about 5 year sign up
- Was it a way to preserve jobs?
- Is it best to continue to work in the same way when there is an opportunity to change and improve?
- Will it take too much time to run and manage?
- Will EK be too inspectorial?
- Is it a way for the authority to tell schools what to do?
- Is there a better service out there?
- Is this just an easy route?

# Conclusions

## **Unclear on the offer**

- Clear idea but the detail had to come from Heads.

## **Concerned about 5 year sign up**

- 5 years of council investment, security, stability.
- Value for money and quality of service will be in the hands of Heads.

## **Was it a way to preserve jobs?**

- NO. EK will only employ the staff required to deliver school priorities.

## **Is it best to continue to work in the same way when there is an opportunity to change and improve?**

- NOT about preserving the status quo . The EK model takes an outstanding service and makes it even more responsive . Core offer and menu of support services is comprehensive.

## **Will it take too much time to run and manage?**

- NO. EK will be controlled by Heads so the structure and time commitments will not be imposed.

## **Will EK be too inspectorial?**

- EK partners will challenge schools and will make judgements

## **Is it a way for the authority to tell schools what to do?**

- NO. The executive board will include Heads who can shape and guide the role and work of EK.

## **Is there a better service out there?**

- We could stand alone or create small groups
- Could find another company but could you find it for £6,000?
- Might find staff who are as good and can deliver in school support

# Value of the authority

- Challenge and support
- Leadership
- Vision
- Consistency
- Links with other departments
- Local knowledge
- Best interests of Kingston children at heart