



EBacc

1 Context

- 1.1 Councillor Liz Clements and Councillor Olly Armstrong submitted a motion to City Council regarding the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). This was debated in the Council Chamber on the 12th June 2018 and it was resolved that:

This Council believes that the EBacc, which excludes every single arts and creative subject, is having a profoundly harmful impact on creative subjects in schools and risks closing down opportunities for children in state schools in Birmingham.

Furthermore, the EBacc endangers the future of the creative industries which play such a major role in Birmingham's success as a global city and which will be the centrepiece of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

This Council calls on the government to amend the EBacc to include at least one arts and creative subject. A blinkered and unfair narrowing of the curriculum must be halted before a whole generation of our children are deprived of access to creative subjects: arts education must be for the many, not the few.

This Council further is concerned about continuing gender disparities in EBacc performance and asks the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate the potential contribution of technical and vocational education at this stage of learning.

- 1.2 The issues raised in the last paragraph will be explored at today's committee meeting.