

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by the Chief Education Officer****Educational Services Committee: 14 December 2022**

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**Subject: West Partnership Improvement Collaborative: Evaluation Report 2021-2022**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform Educational Services Committee of the evaluation of work undertaken by the West Partnership (Glasgow Region Education Improvement Collaborative) in 2021 - 2022.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Educational Services Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs) were established in 2017 as a national initiative to bring about improvement for all schools in Scotland. They are intended to bring together local authorities and Education Scotland, facilitate collaborative working and provide educational support to practitioners
- 3.2** The Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaboration, known as the West Partnership brings together authorities from across the Glasgow City Region; West Dunbartonshire is a member of the West Partnership.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** The attached report (Appendix 1) details progress over the academic year 2021-2022 towards achieving each of the associated target outcomes and expected impacts as detailed in the West Partnership Improvement Plan for 2021-2022.
- 4.2** The report captures the very good progress of the three West Partnership workstreams, even when taking into account the significant challenges that all education staff have faced during the course of another very challenging school session. This is testament to the dedication and commitment of all staff who have worked to support our children and young people.

- 4.3** Throughout the report, there are strong examples of how the Partnership is supporting authorities to improve attainment and achievement for all, while closing the poverty related attainment gap. This focus on excellence and equity is underpinned by an approach which enabled staff to take collective action and deliver improvements.
- 4.4** Included in this report is an overview of the strengthened evaluation model which includes three drivers for improvement. The report showcases progress in enhancing collaboration, improving knowledge and confidence and changing practice. Three main illustrations demonstrate impact in the Primary Curriculum Programme, Improving Our Schools and Keeping Trauma in Mind Programme through a range of qualitative and quantitative data.
- 4.5** Critical indicators have been updated demonstrating progress across the region.
- 4.6** The paper was considered and endorsed at the last Glasgow City Region Education Committee on 22 September 2022 with the recommendation that each Council area considers the report through its own local governance arrangements.
- 4.7** The latest version of the West Partnership's Improvement Plan 2022-2023 is the subject of a separate paper and is available.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** There are no financial and/or procurement implications.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** It was not necessary to carry out a risk assessment.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** There is no EIA impact.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** The progress of the West Partnership has been recognised externally through research carried out by the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change, Glasgow University (ROC). In their *Reflections of the West Partnership Recovery to Renewal: Reimagining the Future (2022) Report*, the ROC findings complement that of the evaluation report, thereby providing strong triangulation to internal evaluations. Key findings are included in the evaluation report; the full ROC report is available online.
- 9.2** Legal Services and the Section 95 Officer have been consulted in relation to the content of this report.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** This report reflects the Council's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

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<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - West Partnership Evaluation Report 2021-2022
<b>Background Papers:</b>	West Partnership Improvement Collaborative: Improvement Plan 2021-22
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards

