

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by the Chief Education Officer**

**Educational Services Committee: 1 December 2021**

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**Subject: West Partnership Improvement Collaborative: Improvement Plan 2021-2022**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to outline the main content and process followed to develop the West Partnership Improvement Plan for 2021-2022.

**2. Recommendations**

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

**3. Background**

- 3.1** The West Partnership Regional Improvement Collaborative (RIC) is made up of eight authorities which are East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire.
- 3.2** The West Partnership aims to enhance the work of authorities by supporting them to close the poverty-related attainment gap and raise attainment and achievement for all.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** The Partnership is required to produce an annual improvement plan (Appendix 1), linked to a three-year planning cycle which outlines the vision, purpose and key activities of the collaborative for the year ahead.
- 4.2** Over the past session, a comprehensive range of engagements with key stakeholders took place and the feedback, as well as evaluation data, contributed to the development of the Improvement Plan.

- 4.3** This year, there are three main workstreams established to support and add value to the work of authorities. These are: Wellbeing for Learning; Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement; and Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Assessment. The Partnership will work closely with local authorities, as well as with colleagues from Education Scotland and the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change, to achieve key objectives set out for each workstream.
- 4.4** A renewed format will be introduced for the work of some of the West Partnership networked groups. These Specialist Networks meet with a common purpose to enhance the work of the local authorities in themed areas such as curriculum, additional support needs and digital learning. Renfrewshire are benefitting from the collaboration and support from the networks.
- 4.5** A revised plan has been included within this session which attempts to articulate more clearly: vision, values, purpose and priorities of The West Partnership. As the Partnership moves into a new 3-year planning cycle at the end of this session, there is an intention to develop this work further.
- 4.6** The plan was considered and endorsed at the last Glasgow City Region Education Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 with the recommendation that each council area considers the plan through its own local governance arrangements.
- 4.7** The West Partnership's Evaluation Report 2020-2021 is the subject of a separate paper to that committee.

## **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** In developing these plans there has been consultation with Education Scotland, the Scottish Government, local Trade Unions, parent councils and head of establishment.
- 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** Strong governance and contingency planning in place for the Education recovery plan.
- 10.2** This report reflects the Council's 2017-2022 overarching priority to reduce inequalities for the people of West Dunbartonshire which supports improved outcomes for all learners in our community.

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 - Annual Improvement Plan  
Appendix 2 - Equality Impact Assessment

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

