

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Chief Education Officer****Education Services Committee: 4 December 2019**

Subject: West Partnership Improvement Plan Update**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to examine the West Partnership's Improvement Plan and to seek the Committee's endorsement of the plan. (Appendix 1)

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members of the Educational Services Committee are asked to note:
- a) the contents of the evaluation of the 2018/19 Regional Improvement Plan (Appendix 2) and
 - b) the 2019/22 Regional Improvement Plan for the West Partnership (Appendix 1).

3. Background

- 3.1** The 'Education Governance: Next Steps' paper focused on the empowerment of teachers, parents and communities to deliver excellence and equity for all learners and recommends the establishment of new Regional Improvement Collaborative (RICs). The paper stated that RICs would:
- provide excellent educational improvement support for head teachers, teachers and practitioners through dedicated teams of professionals. These teams will draw on Education Scotland staff, local authority staff and others;
 - provide coherent focus across all partners through delivery of an annual regional plan and associated work programme aligned with the National Improvement Framework; and
 - facilitate collaborative working across the region, including sharing best practice, supporting collaborative networks and pursuing partnership approaches.
- 3.2** The Glasgow City Region Education Committee's Terms of Reference, as agreed in January 2018, require the Committee to examine and endorse the draft Improvement Plan. This attached plan and evaluation of the 2018/19 plan was endorsed by the Committee in September 2019. In addition, in seeking to ensure local democratic accountability, members are asked to report back to their own authorities through appropriate individual local governance arrangements.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative (known as the West Partnership) is made up of the following local authorities: East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire.
- 4.2** The improvement plan, and associated actions, is also overseen by the existing governance arrangements for each local authority. The West Partnership is overseen by the Glasgow City Region Education Committee made up of the Education Conveners (or appropriate substitute) from each member authority. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis
- 4.3** The evaluation of the 2018/19 Plan (Appendix 1) and the 2019/22 Regional Improvement Plan (Appendix 2) were submitted to the Scottish Government in September 2019 after having been agreed by the Committee.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues related to this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial implications related to this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7** As members are only being asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix a risk assessment is not required.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** Educational Services has carried out a screening in equality for this report. The report was found not to be relevant to the specified equality duty because the content provides an update on service delivery rather than stating a change of policy.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** 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 aspiration to have a strong local economy, improved employment opportunities and efficient and effective frontline services that improve the everyday lives of residents. These are strategic priorities for 2017-2022.

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Appendices Appendix 1 - 2019/22 Regional Improvement Plan
Appendix 2 - 2018/19 Evaluation of Regional
Improvement Plan

Background Papers:

Wards Affected: All

