

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 October 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	West Partnership Improvement Collaborative on Regional Improvement Plan 2019/2020
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ to inform the Committee of the evaluation of work undertaken by the West Partnership (Glasgow Region Education Improvement Collaborative) in 2019 - 2020.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the West Partnership's evaluation of the Regional Improvement Plan for 2019-2020 is noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The establishment of Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs) is a national initiative to bring about improvement for all schools in Scotland. The purpose being to identify and share best practice designed to improve outcomes for learners in schools and educational settings.
- 3.2. The Education Resources Committee noted the progress of the West Partnership and the contents of its Improvement Plan for 2019/20 in August 2019.

4. Report

- 4.1. Appendix 1 to the report outlines the progress with and impact of the Regional Improvement Plan for 2019/2020.
- 4.2. The evaluation of the work of the Partnership under the following key heading is as follows:-
- Broad general education attainment
 - Senior phase attainment
 - Poverty-related attainment gap
 - Positive destinations
 - Targets 2019-2020
 - Workstream Highlights
 - Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement
 - Curriculum, Learning and Teaching and Assessment
 - Collaborative Learning Networks and Families and Communities

- 4.3. Overall, the West Partnership made very good progress implementing its Regional Improvement Plan, despite the impact on delivery caused by COVID-19. A few highlights include:
- 4.4. The reach of the Partnership has significantly increased as follows:-
- over 3,180 participants attended a West Partnership event
 - 228 practitioners attended “An Empowered Primary Curriculum Leadership and Innovation” Conference
 - 709 practitioners attended the “Early Learning and Childcare Festival”.
 - over 1,800 practitioners have taken part in Subject Network Forums
 - more than 700 individuals subscribed to the quarterly newsletter.
 - over 3,500 Twitter followers
 - Remote Learning research paper viewed by over 11,000 individuals
 - 737 practitioners participated in a series of seminars on Remote Learning.
- 4.5. The evaluation report has been submitted to Education Scotland and the Scottish Government.
- 4.6. The evidence findings will help to inform and shape the West Partnership’s Improvement Plan for the period 2020 to 2023.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. There are no employee implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. The Scottish Government invited bids to support the implementation of each RIC’s improvement plan. The West Partnership was allocated £1,111,495 all of which was drawn down with some £76,938 dispersed between all 8 local authorities in response to additional costs associated with the response to the pandemic in line with flexibilities agreed with Scottish Government.
- 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 7.1. There are no significant implications for climate change, sustainability and the environment arising from the recommendations in this report.
- 8. Other Implications**
- 8.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained in this report.
- 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 9.1. There is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment and consultation on the evaluations of activities was undertaken by the RICs with stakeholders.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 6 August 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ West Partnership Regional Improvement Collaborative Plan 2019/2020

Contact for Further Information

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