

# Report

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

Subject:	<b>West Partnership Improvement Collaborative Improvement Plan 2020-2023</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

### 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ to inform the committee of the contents of the West Partnership's Improvement Plan 2020 to 2023.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the West Partnership's Improvement Plan entitled 'Excellence and Equity' for 2020 to 2023 be noted.

## 3. Background

### 3.1. On 6 August 2019, the Education Resources Committee noted the progress of the West Partnership.

## 4. Report

### 4.1. The West Partnership Improvement Plan 2020 to 2023 (Appendix 1) sets out the key areas for collaborative action to bring about improvement across the partnership region.

### 4.2. The Improvement Plan captures those areas where collaboration between the partners will be beneficial. Not all schools or local authorities will participate in all activities, but the plan sets out the Partnership's offer to schools, and educational settings based on stakeholder views on what they would benefit from.

### 4.3. As such, the Plan does not replicate or duplicate the individual local improvement plans of each partner authority, but enhances the scope to support and challenge schools to improve.

### 4.4. In recognition of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, a major aim of the Plan and the work of the partnership is to address both recovery and renewal.

### 4.5. Research evidence shows that strong and empowering leadership; the quality of what actually goes on in the classroom (learning, teaching, curriculum); and the importance of working together and sharing good practice, are the most important factors behind improving schools and education authorities as learning systems.

- 4.6. As such, the Plan is organised under 3 key areas, each led by two Directors of Education/Chief Education Officers:-
- ◆ Collaborative Learning Networks
  - ◆ Curriculum, Learning and teaching
  - ◆ Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement
- 4.7. A fourth workstream also led by two Directors of Education, is that of Evaluation and Reporting.
- 4.8. Having reflected on the progress with the 2019 to 2022 Plan and the impact of the pandemic on school improvement priorities, the Board considered new arrangements to secure further progress. These arrangements are captured on pages 7 and 8 of the Plan.
- 4.9. The Plan has been submitted to Education Scotland and the Scottish Government.
- 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 has again invited bids to support the implementation of each Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs) Improvement Plan. The West Partnership's bid for 2020 to 2023 is £1,339,000. The Scottish Government has indicated that the same level of funding as 2019/2020 will be allocated to each RIC on a pro rata basis until the end of the current financial year. A meeting has been convened to discuss the implications of such should there be no funding beyond 31 March 2021.
- 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. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. Engagement continues to take place with all partners in the West Partnership.

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25 September 2020

**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's Improvement Plan 2020 – 2023

### **Contact for Further Information**

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