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| Report to: | Education Resources Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 16 March 2021 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Education Resources) |

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| Subject: | West Partnership Improvement Collaborative, Interim Action Plan - January 2021 |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on the West Partnership's Draft Interim Action Plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the West Partnership's interim action plan be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. On 27 October 2020, the Education Resources Committee noted the progress of the West Partnership.
- 3.2. The West Partnership Improvement Plan 2020 to 2023 sets out the key areas for collaborative action to bring about improvement across the partnership region.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. 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
- 3.7. A fourth workstream also led by two Directors of Education, is that of Evaluation and Reporting.

4. Updated position

- 4.1. In January 2021, a further plan, the Interim Action Plan, attached as appendix 1, was drawn up at the request of Directors to address the challenges of the current and immediately foreseeable educational landscape. In particular, the challenges of delivering a meaningful education provision whilst most children and young people are unable to attend school.
- 4.2. The Interim Action Plan is based almost entirely on the existing plan for 2020 to 2023. It recognises the need to prioritise and accelerate certain aspects of the West Partnership's Plan 2020 to 2023. It acknowledges too that other aspects of the plan will be paused temporarily or placed on a maintenance basis.
- 4.3. The Interim Action Plan identifies 7 priority projects, each of which has a specific relevance during the period of Covid-19 restrictions. They include: important and heavily subscribed leadership activities; supporting learners with additional needs; tracking learners' wellbeing; as well as our significant contribution to the national digital learning offer, West OS.

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 funding for session 2020/2021 is £1,339,000.

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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23 February 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

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

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 6 August 2019
- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 27 October 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ West Partnership's Improvement Plan 2020 – 2023

Contact for Further Information

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