

Report

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

Subject:	West Partnership Regional Improvement Collaborative - Improvement Plan 2021 to 2022
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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 2021/2022.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the West Partnership's Improvement Plan for 2021/22 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. On 27 October 2020, the Education Resources Committee noted the progress of the West Partnership. In January 2021, a further plan, the Interim Action Plan, was drawn up to address the challenges of school closure and the immediately foreseeable educational landscape. This was noted by the Education Resources Committee on 16 March 2021.

4. Context

- 4.1. The West Partnership Improvement Plan 2021/22 (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. Committed to professional reflection and rigorous evaluation, a framework of evaluation activities provides a range of evidence to inform next steps in improvement planning.
- 4.5. Over last session, a comprehensive range of engagements with stakeholders took place, complementing the ongoing evaluation activity and giving a clearer set of

qualitative and quantitative data to ensure the new Improvement Plan meets the needs of practitioners and officers across the West Partnership.

- 4.6. The feedback gathered from the stakeholder engagements, recommendations from the Robert Owen Centre evaluation and rigorous discussions within workstreams all contributed to the Improvement Plan priorities for 2021/2022.
- 4.7. 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. A focus on recovery is reflected throughout the plan with a specific emphasis on Wellbeing for Learning.
- 4.8. The Plan is organised under 3 key areas, each led by two Directors of Education/Chief Education Officers:-
 - ◆ Wellbeing for Learning
 - ◆ Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Assessment
 - ◆ Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement
- 4.9. A fourth workstream also led by two Directors of Education, is that of Evaluation and Reporting.
- 4.10. 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 West Partnership submitted a bid to the Scottish Government in March 2021. The bid for funding was to be based on funding levels received for 2020/2021. Consequently, the West Partnership has been allocated £1,526,500 for 2021/2022.

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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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

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

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 16 March 2021
- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 27 October 2020
- ◆ 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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