West Partnership Interim Evaluation Report January 2024 – Presentation and progress noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Data and Evaluation Officer, Renfrewshire Council, providing a summary of the West Partnership (WP) half-year interim update covering the period August 2023 to January 2024 which was detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and had also included an overview from the Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement, the Curriculum, Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (CLTA), and the Wellbeing from Learning (WFL) workstreams, advising

(1) that this interim evaluation came approximately 6 months after the commencement of the academic session and was an early indication of progress towards workstream outcomes;

(2) that the workstream lead officers for CLTA and WFL had taken up post with the WP in August 2023 and this update demonstrated the progress of the transitions between lead officers in those workstreams and the strong work undertaken to ensure continuity in those areas of activity;

(3) that as of January 2024, the WP had received just over 7100 sign-ups across 55 separate sessions with sign-ups coming from 3833 different practitioners where sign-up name data had been collected, which had accounted for 17% of all potential WP practitioners, and that when modelling for sign ups where name information was missing, the WP had predicted that it had engaged with approximately 25% of all WP practitioners;

(4) that sign-up data had shown engagement with just under 900 different establishments, with the biggest contributing group being Primary schools (472), followed by early years establishments (236) and Secondary schools (105), together with sign-ups being received from 87% of all primary, secondary, and special schools in the WP region;

(5) that sign-up data had also demonstrated that just under 900 practitioners had registered for more than 1 event, often engaging in multiple activities across workstreams, with also identified evidence of clusters of engagement where individual establishments had engaged across practitioner roles and activities;

(6) that qualitative evidence from each workstream had continued to demonstrate how it had provided opportunities for collaboration and knowledge/confidence enhancement, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

(7) that at a halfway point in the year, the WP had evaluations from 38 different activities which provided participants an opportunity to evaluate the impact of the session on their knowledge and/or confidence and that from 2378 evaluations the WP had identified self-reported improvements from 1973 completed submissions, which had suggested that activities were stimulating improvements in practitioner knowledge/confidence 83% of the time; and

(8) of 1 significant risk regarding the uncertainty of future funding, as detailed in the report.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Dr James Bowness, Data and Evaluation Officer, Renfrewshire Council, the committee noted progress

(a) of the West Partnership in relation to the 3 drivers for improvement;

(b) of each workstream's programmes for the period; and

(c) of the reach of the West Partnership.