West Partnership Annual Evaluation Report 2023/24 noted.

2 There was submitted a report by Dr James Bowness, Data and Evaluation Officer, West Partnership (WP) and Renfrewshire Council regarding the main content and key messages included in the WP Annual Evaluation Report 2023/24, advising that

(1) the evaluation report, as detailed in an appendix to the report, highlighted progress over the academic year 2023/24 towards achieving each of the associated target outcomes and expected impacts, as detailed in the WP Improvement Plan;

(2) the report noted that significant growth in engagement with practitioners from across the WP was experienced in the 2023/24 session with activities receiving over 10,000 sign ups, which was up considerably from approximately 4,500 sign ups in 2022/23;

(3) throughout the report, there were very strong examples of how the partnership was improving attainment and achievement for all (excellence) while closing the poverty related attainment gap (equity) and that the WP was shifting the ownership of change and enabling staff to take collective action to deliver on this (empowerment);

(4) the WP continued to compare favourably against national figures across most measures and that that WP school leavers also continued to outperform their peers nationally, as detailed in the report; and

(5) work had also been carried out in the 2023/24 session to make a stronger link between the critical indicators and the 3 E's (equity, excellence and empowerment), as demonstrated in the evaluation report, and some critical indicators had been added in recognition of WP's commitment to closing the poverty related attainment gap as well as the Promise.

After consideration, the committee noted the progress demonstrated in the evaluation report.