Transition to Collaborative Framework 2025 - Verbal update noted.

6 The committee heard a verbal update by Sharon Hayward, Senior Partnership Officer, West Partnership (WP), regarding a Transition to Collaborative Framework 2025, advising

(1) of 3 areas of work which were supporting the Transition to Collaborative Framework 2025 process, to ready the system for the removal of Scottish Government funding in March 2025, which would increase teacher/senior leader agency and promote opportunities for system leadership, namely

(a) visits to senior officers in all 8 local authorities would highlight a business as usual approach by the WP core team and the need to "ready the system" for the period when there would be no WP core team and national funding would cease;

(b) using the significant knowledge from within the WP core team a mapping exercise had begun where the new agreed Collaborative Framework for April 2025 and beyond was being populated to take strategic, leadership, operational or reference noted which would, in time, be shared with directors and central teams to assist them in ensuring the right colleagues were in the right roles to minimise risk to deliver and future impacting collaboration; and

(c) that all programmes had been reviewed and modifications made to ensure a clear focus on sustainability planning and legacy and in terms of sustainability, links were being established across programmes and networks where possible and in addition, moving the planning, delivery and evaluation of existing activity and programmes nearer practitioners and leaders at this stage would also provide the best conditions for success; and

(2) that this item would remain as a standing agenda item throughout this session, with verbal updates provided on the readiness of the WP system for the significant changes which April 2025 would bring to facilitated collaboration across the partnership.