West Partnership – Progress update August to October 2023 noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Data and Information Officer, East Renfrewshire Council, summarising the key messages from the West Partnership (WP) highlight report, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report and covered the reporting period from August to October 2023, advising that

(1) the progress update came approximately 2 months after the commencement of the academic session and was an early indication of progress towards workstream outcomes and 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;

(2) as of 20th October 2023, the WP had received over 1200 evaluation responses to activity undertaken between August and October 2023 and had provided feedback to workstreams on the perceived impact of those activities;

(3) from those submissions, 87% of respondents had reported an improvement in knowledge/understanding and/or confidence relating to the topic of individual sessions, which had suggested that early activity in this session was meeting practitioner needs and progressing towards enhancing practitioner knowledge, understanding and confidence;

(4) from all evaluations, 84% of respondents had suggested that they had improved their knowledge and understanding of the area covered within the activity and from 825 evaluation responses where changes in confidence had been measured, 78% of respondents had noted an increase;

(5) qualitative evidence from each workstream, detailed further in appendix 1 to the report, had suggested that activities so far had provided opportunities for collaboration, raised knowledge and confidence, and began a process of information cascading within establishments and authorities;

(6) where appropriate, evaluations had asked respondents to reveal whether they believed what they had learned in the session could be put into practice within their settings, and from 825 responses, 82% had suggested that they could alter their practice because of learning gained from participating in the WP activity;

(7) all 3 workstreams were making progress towards their outcomes and where it was too early to evaluate progress towards outcomes, clear strategies to monitor progress had been implemented; and

(8) a small number of slippages and risks had been identified and solutions had been noted for each workstream.

After consideration and having heard Dr James Bowness, Data and Information Officer, East Renfrewshire Council, the committee noted the

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

(b) progress of each workstream’s programmes for the period from August to October 2023.