**Robert Owen Centre – West Partnership draft evaluation reports noted etc.**

**5** There was submitted a report by Professor Chris Chapman, University of Glasgow, Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change (ROC) regarding 3 draft ROC West Partnership (WP) evaluation reports, namely, the substantive evaluation report, External Evaluation Report prepared for the WP Regional Improvement Collaborative, September 2023 and 2 further complementary reports, an Executive Summary and Summary of Findings from Phase 3 of the ROC, advising

(1) of the background to the 3 reports;

(2) of the 3 key themes emerging from the reports, the first of which was the recovery context, which provided a background to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on both practitioners and children and young people (CYP), which had informed the second key theme on demonstrating impacts from practitioner engagement in WP professional learning within and across schools and providing insights into definitions and criteria of impact from the perspectives of the key WP stakeholders, whilst the third and final key theme had provided similar insights on definitions and criteria, from the same stakeholders, but had focused on impacts beyond the school, all as detailed in the report;

(3) that progress was not uniform across WP, with such developments taking time, particularly given the challenges that schools and local authorities (LAs) were currently experiencing, which were major disruptive factors affecting all systems change and educational improvement efforts;

(4) that continued improved partnership working facilitated by the WP had supported the mobilisation of knowledge and expertise and had created networks that were informing and enhancing practice in the classroom and that this mobilisation of expertise was promoting systems change within and across the LAs;

(5) that the WP had made substantial progress regarding impact of the WP objectives at school and classroom level which had been enabled by an increased practitioner awareness of, and engagement with, WP professional learning programmes and resources and that had had positive impacts on CYP`s experiences, achievements and attainment, in addition to adding value through promoting systems change within and across the LAs; and

(6) that upon approval and sign-off, it was proposed to launch and publicise the ROC - WP External Evaluation Reports through a range of media and networks.

After consideration and having heard Professor Chris Chapman, University of Glasgow, the committee noted

(a) the 3 draft Robert Owen Centre – West Partnership external evaluation reports; and

(b) the proposed next steps.