

## **Drawing out the lessons from regional collaboration in Scotland 2017-25 – Position noted.**

**2** There was submitted and noted a report by Professor Chris Chapman and Professor Graham Donaldson, Glasgow University which gathered the evidence generated over the past 7 years and described the authors' experience and reflections on the evolution of the West Partnership (WP), advising

- (1) of an overview of the context for regional collaboration and the development of Networked Learning Systems and their potential benefits whilst exploring the specific experience and impact of the WP;
- (2) of several key factors necessary for any continuation of regional collaboration in the emerging national policy environment; and
- (3) that the purpose of the report was threefold, namely
  - (a) to document some of the successes of the WP and to draw out the learning relating to regional collaboration during the evolution of the partnership;
  - (b) to serve as a heuristic and reflective device for the members of the Board to consider the future work and direction of travel for the WP; and
  - (c) to form a stimulus for wider discussion with key stakeholders about the future of regional collaboration within the context of the current reform agendas.