



**Glasgow City Region Education Committee**

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**Draft Paper: Drawing out the lessons from regional collaboration in Scotland 2017-2025**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide members of the committee with an opportunity to discuss and respond to the draft paper (Appendix 1) from Professors Chapman and Donaldson

**Recommendations :**

The committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the receipt of the paper from Professors Chapman and Donaldson;
- 2.2 Offer comment and feedback on the paper.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 This paper summarises evidence from, and draws on the authors' experience and reflections on the evolution of the West Partnership (WP).
- 3.2 The paper provides an overview of the context for regional collaboration and the development of Networked Learning Systems and their potential benefits before exploring the specific experience and impact of WP.
- 3.3 Thereafter it discusses several key factors necessary for any continuation of regional collaboration in the emerging national policy environment.

### **4. Key Points**

- 4.1 The purpose of the paper is threefold.
- 4.2 First, it documents some of the successes of the WP and draws out the learning relating to regional collaboration during the evolution of the partnership.
- 4.3 Second, the paper serves as a heuristic and reflective device for the members of the Board to consider the future work and direction of travel for the WP.
- 4.4 Third, the paper forms a stimulus for wider discussion with key stakeholders about the future of regional collaboration within the context of the current reform agendas.

### **5. Recommendations**

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