Developing the West Partnership Improvement Plan priorities 2023/24 – Position noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Senior Partnership Officer providing an outline of the consultation process for updating the West Partnership Improvement Plan 2023/24, advising

(1) that during the 2021/22 session, the core team had worked together to establish a new Theory of Change model, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, that had identified 3 key strategic drivers of improvement, namely, collaboration, practitioner development and changes to practice;

(2) that the new model had allowed highlight and evaluation reports to include evaluative detail on the progress of each workstream individually and also provided a more holistic evaluation of the added value of partnership work, with evaluation reports being used to help identify the partnership's priorities for the year;

(3) that Workstream Lead Officers had facilitated consensus-building conversations around the work of their workstream across a wide range of stakeholders and had identified areas where programmes had required modification, and in some instances new activities had been suggested to meet needs identified in those conversations or that had been highlighted in gathered evidence;

(4) of the work that was continuing with the Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change and as its interim report was completed, this would be used as a lens through which to view progress of the partnership, as detailed in the report;

(5) that following the model of the 2022/23 consultation process, a similar model had been adopted this session with a review of the evidence relating to the 3 drivers of improvement having shown that this year's Plan would benefit from continued focus on generating evidence of impact within driver 3, 'change to practice', and this would be a clear priority across all 3 workstreams;

(6) that a number of draft priorities had been discussed with the Senior Partnership Officer, individual workstream sponsors and with the Regional Improvement Collaborative Lead, with further suggestions and advice being taken into account as the new Plan was developed; and

(7) that, as a number of the West Partnership core team were coming to the end of their secondments in August 2023, the improvement planning process had been expedited to ensure continuity, sustainability and effective transition, thereby minimising any risk to the pace or progress of the Plan for 2023/24.

After consideration, and having heard Sharon Hayward, Senior Partnership Officer, the committee noted the evaluation processes relating to the current West Partnership Improvement Plan and consultation activity in establishing the new Plan.