Robert Owen Centre Evaluation – Verbal update noted.

4 The committee noted a verbal update by Sharon Hayward, Senior Partnership Officer regarding progress that the Robert Owen Centre (ROC) staff had made since the previous update to this committee, highlighting:

(1) that the reseracher who had taken forward the external evaluation had been working full-time and that before the summer break was able to provide the West Partnership (WP) Board with an interim report based on a table-top exercise looking at previous reviews, evaluations and highlight reports, both externally from the Scottish Government and ROC, as well as internally from the WP;

(2) the 5 key findings which had been fed into the evaluation for last year and the Improvement Plan for next year;

(3) that the Researcher had also undertaken some triangulation conversations with focus groups, teachers, school leaders and local authority staff over the summer and Professor Chapman had advised that a report would be ready for the next WP Board meeting to present the final findings for this session, and would also be submitted to the next meeting of this committee; and

(4) that the ROC was meeting the agreed timeline and planned activity and was very much aligning with the WP evaluation processes.