Item 2
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Glasgow City Region Education Committee

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West Partnership Finance Update - March 2023

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the Partnership's financial position, including claims made to date and the projected commitments against each programme and workstream.

Recommendations :

The committee is asked to consider:

- the claims made during 2022/23.

1. Overview

1.1 This report outlines the budget allocations for the West Partnership for 2022/23, the claims made to date, and the projected commitments against each workstream. This covers the period from 1st April to 30th November 2022, with a full year projection also included.

2. Key Points

2.1 The financial subgroup, met on the Thursday 23rd March to discuss the year end closure process for 2022/23. Each theme lead has been required to determine appropriate costs to support the delivery of the actions for their work programme. Finance Leads are liaising to ensure the financial projections are correct and relevant claims are now made. All Local Authorities are currently in the process of closing off their accounts for 2022/23. Not all authorities practice faster closure and a timetable for final claims has been agreed with Finance Officers within the West Partnership.

2.2 Authorities have been asked to accrue in the teachers' pay award and resubmit their authority claims on this basis to ensure consistency.

2.3 As part of the streamlining of processes it was agreed that all of the main invoices in relation to certain workstreams will be processed through one lead authority. This should facilitate the planning process and allow authorities to deal with procurement thresholds for both recurring and one off spends.

2.4 All Local Authorities are currently in the process of closing off their year end for 2022/23 and the expected processes and a timetable has been shared with Finance Officers.

2.5 Table 1 below details financial costings and provides a summary of the West Partnership's financial commitments to 31st March 2023. At this stage this is an estimate with the financial year end process to determine true figures.

Table 1:

Work Programme	Budget 2022/23	Claim 1 (Aug)	Claim 2 (December)	Claim 3 (March)	Total Claim	Variance against budget
Core	£336,500	£114,509	£100,773	£134,891	£350,173	-£13,673
Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement	£481,000	£104,295	£289,641	£171,713	£565,649	-£84,649
Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Assessment	£537,000	£135,752	£172,227	£108,627	£416,606	£120,394
Wellbeing for Learning	£61,000	£28,062	£16,369	£46,298	£90,729	-£29,729
Evaluation and Reporting	£100,000	£22,818	£25,057	£44,468	£92,343	£7,657
TOTAL	**£1,515,500**	**£405,436**	**£604,067**	**£505,997**	**£1,515,500**	**£0**

2.6 All claims have been made to the Scottish Government for the West Partnership funding in August 2022, December 2022 and claim three was made on 21 March 2023. Table 1 shows that the full budget of £1,515,500 has been claimed.

2.7 The carry forward from 2021/22 of £316,348 is expected to be fully exhausted. The balance is expected to be used for the teacher's pay award. The spend from this is not included in Table 1 above.

3.Recommendations

3.1. The Committee is asked to note:

- the claims made during 2022/23.