West Partnership – Finance update March 2023 – Position noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Head of Resources, Education Services, Glasgow City Council, outlining the budget allocations for the West Partnership for 2022/23, including claims made to date and the projected commitments against each programme workstream for the period from 1st April to 30th November 2022, advising

(1) that the financial sub-group had met on 23rd March 2023 to discuss the year end closure process for 2022/23 and each theme lead had been required to determine appropriate costs to support the delivery of the actions for their work programme and that Finance Leads were liaising to ensure the financial projections were correct and relevant claims had now been made;

(2) that all Local Authorities were currently in the process of closing off their accounts for 2022/23 and not all authorities practiced faster closure and a timetable for final claims had been agreed with Finance Officers within the West Partnership;

(3) that authorities had been asked to accrue in the teachers' pay award and resubmit their claims on that basis to ensure consistency;

(4) that as part of the streamlining of processes, it had been agreed that all of the main invoices in relation to certain workstreams would be processed through 1 lead authority, thereby facilitating the planning process and allowing authorities to deal with procurement thresholds for both recurring and one-off spends;

(5) of the financial costings and a summary of the West Partnership's financial commitments to 31st March 2023, which at this stage was an estimate, with the financial year end process to determine true figures, as detailed in the report;

(6) that all claims had been made to the Scottish Government for the West Partnership funding in August and December 2022, with claim 3 being made on 21st March 2023, and that the full budget of £1,515,500 had been claimed; and

(7) that the carry forward from 2021/22 of £316,348 was expected to be fully exhausted and the balance was expected to be used for the teachers' pay award.

After consideration and having heard Lorna Goldie, Head of Resources, Education Services, Glasgow City Council, the committee noted the claims that had been made during 2022/23.