Robert Owen Centre – Interim West Partnership Evaluation Report – Position noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Professor Chris Chapman, The Robert Owen Centre (ROC), University of Glasgow, providing an update on the interim evaluation of the West Partnership's progress, as conducted by the ROC and identifying the next steps for the final evaluation, advising

(1) that the ROC West Partnership evaluation, 2022/23 had been in 3 phases, and that this report from Phase 1 entitled 'Understanding and Defining Impact', as detailed in an appendix to the report, aimed to scope West Partnership definitions and understanding of impact, 2020-22, from internal data and from ROC evaluation evidence from the same time frame;

(2) that the key themes had coalesced around definitions used and understanding of impact, added value to the West Partnership local authorities and building collective agency to drive improvement, within and across the Partnership;

(3) of the key findings, as detailed in the report;

(4) that significant impacts had taken place which had led to systems improvement and impacted on learners; and

(5) that findings on defining and understanding impact from Phase 1 had informed the design of survey questions, distributed in March 2023, during Phase 2, 'Engagement and Demonstrating Impact' and that findings from both phases would be used to inform evaluation design for Phase 3, 'Cases of Impact: Insights and Learning'.

After consideration, the committee noted the ROC West Partnership interim evaluation report and the proposed next steps.