West Partnership draft Regional Improvement Plan 2022/23 approved etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer seeking the committee's endorsement of the West Partnership's draft Regional Improvement Plan 2022/23 (RIP), as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, advising

(1) that since this committee had approved the submission of the West Partnership's RIP to Education Scotland in August 2019, as required by statute, an updated RIP had been prepared outlining future proposed activity based on the revised governance and operational structure previously approved by this committee;

(2) that over the past session, engagement sessions with stakeholders had taken place which complemented the ongoing evaluation activity and had provided a clearer set of qualitative and quantitative data to ensure the Improvement Plan met the needs of practitioners and officers across the West Partnership and that there was a clear consensus that existing programmes and activity had met the needs of officers and practitioners across the West Partnership;

(3) that the feedback gathered from the stakeholder engagements, recommendations from the Robert Owen Centre evaluation and consensus building conversations with workstream sponsors, workstream members, programme participants and Education Scotland, had all contributed to the Improvement Plan 2022/23;

(4) that it was proposed that the Regional Improvement Collaborative Lead and Senior Partnership Officer meet with colleagues from the South West Education Improvement Collaborative (SWEIC), Education Scotland Strategic Director and Senior Regional Advisers to discuss the RIP, and that of SWEIC colleagues; and

(5) of the next steps, which included,

(a) members requiring to report back to their own authorities through appropriate individual local governance arrangements for approval in order to ensure local democratic accountability; and

(b) confirming that, in seeking to ensure that the West Partnership could continue to contribute to the wider work of the Glasgow City Regional Economic Strategy, a report would be prepared, including the endorsed RIP, and presented to the Glasgow City Region Cabinet by the Regional Lead Officer or Convener of this committee, as appropriate.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Sharon Hayward, Senior Partnership Officer, the committee

(i) agreed

(A) to endorse the draft Regional Improvement Plan 2022/23; and

(B) to submit the draft RIP to the Glasgow City Region Cabinet for its consideration; and

(ii) noted that each individual authority would report on the RIP to their appropriate committee for approval, maintaining local democratic oversight.