

GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2019, at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jim Paterson (Chair), Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Jim Goodall, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Paul O'Kane, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Chris Cunningham, Glasgow City Council; Councillor Martin Brennan, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Clare Quigley, North Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Katy Loudon, South Lanarkshire Council.

Apologies: Councillor Jim Clocherty, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Frank McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Karen Conaghan, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Attending: Donna Brand (Clerk); Jacqueline MacDonald, East Dunbartonshire Council; Mhairi Shaw and Willie Inglis, East Renfrewshire Council; Maureen McKenna, Lynn Gibson and Graeme Hay, Glasgow City Council; Ruth Binks, Inverclyde Council; Gillian Hanlon, North Lanarkshire Council; Steven Quinn, Renfrewshire Council; Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; Laura Mason, West Dunbartonshire Council; Patricia Watson, Education Scotland; and Helen Brown, Jen Crocket and Elizabeth Morrison, West Partnership.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 There was submitted and approved the minute of 27th August 2019.

Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22: Education Scotland evaluation process noted etc.

2 With reference to the minutes of 27th August 2019 endorsing the West Partnership's Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2019-22 and noting that the RIP had been submitted to Education Scotland as required by the Education Governance Strategic Report (2017), there was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing an update on the outcome of the evaluation process of the RIP which had been undertaken by Education Scotland, advising that

- (1) following a peer review which had been undertaken in September 2019, a Peer Evaluation report had been agreed by both the Regional Lead Officer and the Senior Regional Advisor, Education Scotland, the details of which were attached in an appendix to the report;
- (2) in the response from Education Scotland, the progress of the West Partnership over the last year had been particularly noted, including the greater reach of workstreams, an increase in positive partnerships and the strong commitment to improving pedagogy, enhancing and complementing the existing efforts being made by each of the 8 partner authorities; and

- (3) evaluation of the RIP had recently been presented to the West Partnership Board and would inform future collaborative developments moving forward.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Patricia Watson, Senior Regional Advisor, Education Scotland, on the detail of the review, the committee noted the report and presentation.

Collaborative Learning Networks in Action - Presentation noted.

3 The committee noted a presentation on the Collaborative Learning Networks workstream of the Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22 by Helen Brown, West Partnership and Gillian Hanlon, North Lanarkshire Council, which highlighted

- (1) an agreed definition of collaboration with a clear focus on improving pedagogy to improve outcomes for learners which underpinned that workstream; and
- (2) details of the key features of a West Partnership Collaborative Learning Network.

Improvement Through Empowerment - Presentation noted.

4 The committee noted a presentation on the Systems Improvement workstream of the Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22, by Jen Crocket, West Partnership, Lynn Gibson, Glasgow City Council and Willie Inglis, East Renfrewshire Council, which highlighted:

- (1) how through the West Partnership, Williamwood High School in East Renfrewshire and Castlemilk High School in Glasgow were collaborating in different ways to share practice around learning and teaching, by providing opportunities for principal teachers to work on self-evaluation and departmental improvement priorities with colleagues in another authority; and
- (2) further proposals for agreed areas of collaboration and the next steps, which would include building on the strengths of session 2019/20 and agreeing joint improvement priorities for session 2020/21.

Date of next meeting noted.

5 The committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 1030 hours in the City Chambers, Glasgow.