

GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Meeting held on 27th August 2019, at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jim Paterson (Chair), Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Jim Goodall, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Chris Cunningham, Glasgow City Council; Councillor Jim Clocherty, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Frank McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Katy Loudon, South Lanarkshire Council.

Apologies: Councillor Paul O'Kane, East Renfrewshire Council; and Councillor Karen Conaghan, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Attending: Tony O'Neill (Clerk); Jacqueline MacDonald, East Dunbartonshire Council; Mhairi Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council; Maureen McKenna and Graeme Hay, Glasgow City Council; Michael Roach, Inverclyde Council; Steven Quinn, Renfrewshire Council; Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; Laura Mason, West Dunbartonshire Council; Elizabeth Morrison, West Partnership; and Patricia Watson, Education Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1 There was submitted and approved the minute of 28th May 2019.

West Partnership: Regional Improvement Plan 2018/19 - Position noted – Declaration of interest.

- 2 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing further details and evaluation of the work which had been undertaken in implementing the Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2018-21, across the West Partnership throughout 2018/19, advising

- (1) that overall, throughout the last year, the West Partnership had made very good progress implementing the RIP 2018-2021, that each workstream had reviewed progress and identified areas which had gone well and others which required further development, and 94% of actions were either complete, superseded or on track, and 6% had not yet started;
- (2) that while critical indicators had shown strong progress, it remained too early to use those indicators to comment on the impact of the actions;
- (3) of a summary of the progress and activities that had been undertaken by each workstream to address priorities identified in the improvement plan, and where possible qualitative and quantitative evidence had demonstrated impact on practitioners and identified measures of improvement, all as detailed in the report;

- (4) that over the first year of the RIP, much of the early activities had been focused on working with headteachers, depute headteachers, heads of early learning and childcare settings and senior council officers, and evaluations from all the professional learning across the year had demonstrated very positive impacts on staff, with staff reporting increased knowledge, understanding and confidence; and
- (5) of the partnership which had been formed with the recently appointed Senior Regional Advisor from Education Scotland, the role of which had the potential to become a key part of the operational delivery of the actions set out in the RIP.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Elizabeth Morrison, West Partnership, the committee noted the report.

Councillor Goodall declared an interest in this item, given that East Dunbartonshire Council's Education Committee had not yet had the opportunity to consider the paper under discussion.

West Partnership – Draft Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22 – Position agreed etc – Declaration of interest.

3 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing the committee with an opportunity to examine the West Partnership's draft Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2019-22, and seeking the committee's endorsement of the plan, advising

- (1) that the West Partnership was required to prepare a new RIP, outlining future proposed activity for submission by 2nd September 2019, and the Partnership had prepared a draft RIP, attached as an appendix to the report, based on the revised governance and operational structure which had previously been approved by this committee in May 2019;
- (2) that the RIP 2019-22 had sought to build on the outcomes and measures outlined in the previous version and had set out the workstreams to be further developed over the coming year, each led by a Director of Education/Chief Education Officer, and bringing together officers and teaching staff from each member education authority, with each workstream also being supported with staff resources from Education Scotland;
- (3) that the RIP had also included a remit and outline action plan for each workstream to develop in the coming year, based on the feedback from stakeholders and achievements from 2018/19;
- (4) that, in seeking to ensure local democratic accountability, members would be required to report back to their own authorities through appropriate local governance arrangements; and

- (5) of a proposal that the endorsed RIP be presented to the Glasgow City Region Cabinet in October 2019 for consideration.

After consideration, and having heard

- (a) a presentation by Mhairi Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council;
- (b) an update from each workstream Sponsor highlighting activities for the coming session, together with emerging and developing actions; and
- (b) Patricia Watson, Senior Regional Advisor (West Regional Improvement Team), Education Scotland, provide details regarding Education Scotland's recent organisational restructure, and of Education Scotland's staff resource links to the work of the RIP Action Plans,

the committee

- (i) noted and endorsed the draft RIP; and
- (ii) agreed to report to
 - (A) the Glasgow City Region Cabinet on the endorsed RIP; and
 - (B) each individual local authority on the RIP, maintaining local democratic oversight.

Councillor Goodall declared an interest in this item, given that East Dunbartonshire Council's Education Committee had not yet had the opportunity to consider the paper under discussion.

Future meeting dates noted.

4 The committee noted the future meeting dates of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee as undernoted, with all meetings being held in the City Chambers, Glasgow:-

Tuesday, 19th November 2019 at 1030 hours;
Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 1030 hours; and
Tuesday, 26th May 2020 at 1030 hours.