

**GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Meeting held on 28th May 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 Frank McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Karen Conaghan, West Dunbartonshire Council.
- Apologies:** Councillor Paul O’Kane, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Jim Clocherty, Inverclyde Council; and Councillor Katy Loudon, South Lanarkshire Council.
- Attending:** Tony O’Neill (Clerk); Jacqueline MacDonald, East Dunbartonshire Council; Elizabeth Morrison, West Partnership; Maureen McKenna and Graeme Hay, Glasgow City Council; Ruth Binks, Inverclyde Council; Derek Brown, North Lanarkshire Council; Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; and Laura Mason, West Dunbartonshire Council.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

- 1** There was submitted and approved the minutes of 26th February 2019, subject to the inclusion of Steven Quinn as attending in the sederunt.

**Moderation and Assessment – Summary 2018/19 – Position noted.**

- 2** There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing an update on the moderation and assessment work being undertaken by the West Partnership throughout 2018/19, advising
- (1) that of the 6 Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RICs), the West Partnership served the greatest number of children with 35% of Scotland’s school population in its schools, and one of the workstreams for 2018-20 had identified a commitment to offer learning opportunities to school leaders, class teachers and practitioners to support improvements in assessment and moderation;
  - (2) that learning events had been agreed and delivered to practitioners from early to fourth Curriculum for Excellence levels within each authority between October and November 2018, with the majority of those attending indicating that being part of the process had impacted positively on their practice;
  - (3) that all practitioners had completed the Practitioner Modern Template, as detailed in the report, following which 4 events had been held, with 2 focussing on reading and 2 on numeracy and mathematics;

- (4) that following the moderation of the evidence presented, participants had completed an online evaluation of the event, agreeing both the strengths and challenges that the moderation model had presented, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, and although over-all the feedback had been very positive, practitioners had recognised the importance of cascading their knowledge and understanding within their own authority to strengthen the consistency and reliability of teacher judgement;
- (5) that the Working Group had created a short survey for headteachers to ascertain the current position for assessment and moderation and 178 online evaluations had been completed by most participants, all as detailed in the report; and
- (6) of the next steps, including the continuation of the model for at least another session, a need for greater consistency in the amount of time allocated to assessment and moderation within Working Time Agreements and a proposal to appoint a West Partnership Development Officer to provide additional support to establishments across all eight local authorities in the development of high quality learning, teaching and assessment with a key focus on collaboration and improvement.

After consideration, and having heard Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council, the Committee noted the update on the moderation and assessment work.

**West Partnership: Implementation of revised draft governance and operational structure approved etc.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer seeking the Committee's approval of a revised draft governance and operational structure to support the development and delivery of the Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2019-22, advising

- (1) that initially focusing on the three themes of Improvement, Learner Journey and Early Learning and Childcare, the development of the West Partnership's 2018 RIP had saw the expansion of the workstreams to eight, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that given the widening scope and the developments over the last two years, it was recognised that the governance and organisation arrangements be revised as part of a review of the work which had been undertaken so far;
- (3) of a proposed comprehensive revised structure for the Partnership to be implemented from August 2019, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (4) that key to the successful implementation of the proposed structure would be the appropriate levels of resourcing, and a request to support the revised structure and refreshed improvement plan would be submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration.

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

- (a) noted the results of the initial evaluation exercise undertaken on West Partnership activity throughout 2018/19; and
- (b) approved the revised draft structure and implementation plan as detailed in the report, and agreed to seek funding from the Scottish Government for the proposed structure from August 2019.

#### **Glasgow City Region Education Committee – Update to Terms of Reference approved.**

4 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer seeking approval to proposed updates to the Glasgow City Region Education Committee Terms of Reference in order to allow the committee to appoint up to 3 people as non-voting co-optees to bring access to external expertise, knowledge or experience as necessary.

After consideration, the committee agreed to co-opt one Trade Union/Professional Association representative and one Head Teacher representative, to be selected by each grouping independently, with a third co-optee to be considered at a future date.

#### **West Partnership stakeholder engagement – Proposed consultative arrangements approved.**

5 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer updating the committee on the proposed framework for stakeholder engagement, advising

- (1) that the West Partnership was committed to developing a ‘bottom up’ approach and had outlined this in the Regional Improvement Plan (RIP), and since the publication of the initial RIP in January 2018, it had sought to consult with groups of staff and other stakeholders through a variety of different forums and networks to inform the direction of its work, including:-
  - (a) Pupil Equity Fund Events;
  - (b) Learner Journey Survey, which had been completed by teachers and practitioners in schools and early years centres across the region;
  - (c) Specialist Networks;
  - (d) Professional Association Forum; and
  - (e) Online, including a Twitter account;
- (2) that in preparing the RIP 2018, the West Partnership Board had considered the responses to the various consultations that had been undertaken and the

reflection of the feedback had been recognised by Education Scotland and represented progress in the West Partnership's efforts to engage more widely;

- (3) of a proposal that the West Partnership seeks to undertake a wide ranging consultation open to all staff across all levels in the region on a 3-yearly basis, and to further establish a network of forums across the region to allow ongoing engagement with stakeholder groups, initially to include, Parents Forum, Head Teachers Forum, Young People's Forum and Curricular Networks; and
- (4) that, having recognised the continuing challenges faced as a region given its unique scale and significant levels of deprivation, the proposals outlined in the report would ensure that the priorities of stakeholders would align with the aims, aspirations and actions of the West Partnership in seeking to achieve equity, excellence and empowerment across the region.

After consideration and having heard Graeme Hay, Glasgow City Council, the committee

- (i) noted the consultative actions and processes currently undertaken/in place across the West Partnership; and
- (ii) approved the proposed consultative arrangements for the West Partnership, all as detailed in the report.

#### **West Partnership – Progress Tracker update noted.**

**6** There was submitted and noted a report by the Regional Lead Officer updating committee of activity and actions taking place across the West Partnership's workstreams.

#### **Future meeting dates.**

**7** The committee agreed that the clerk would issue future meeting dates once these had been established.