



## **Glasgow City Region - City Deal**

### **Cabinet**

### **Report by Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative**

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## **Item 11**

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### **Glasgow City Region Education Committee - Governance Arrangements and Next Steps**

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To update the Cabinet on the governance arrangements and next steps for the establishment of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee in response to the previously agreed report by Cabinet.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that Cabinet notes the report, the time line for the development of the Regional Improvement Plan, and agrees the terms of reference for the City Region Education Committee.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. Following approval at the August 2017 meeting of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, the Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative (GCREIC) has been developing the initial Improvement Plan, as required by the Scottish Government by January 2018.
- 1.2. The structure of the GCREIC aligns with the agreement reached between the Scottish Government and COSLA following discussions over the summer.
- 1.3. The report emphasised the importance of maintaining local democratic accountability through the regional partnership, with the GCREIC seeking to enhance and support the existing improvement measures being implemented by education authorities.
- 1.4. Following Cabinet agreement in August, Chief Executives were tasked with taking forward detailed governance arrangements for the Collaborative and City Region Education Committee.
- 1.5. In addition, in October 2017, lead officers were appointed to the GCREIC: Mhairi Shaw (ERC) as Regional Lead Officer; Maureen McKenna (GCC) as Improvement Lead; Laura Mason (WDC) as Early Learning and Childcare Lead; and Tony McDaid (SLC) as Learner Journey Lead.

## **2. Glasgow City Region Education Committee - Structure**

- 2.1. In establishing the GCREIC, the Cabinet sought to ensure local democratic accountability and proposed the establishment of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee, as a sub-committee of the Glasgow City Region Joint Committee (Cabinet).
- 2.2. Membership of the Committee will consist of Education Conveners or equivalent from each of the local member authorities, with the Chair to be decided from within the membership. The Committee will set the strategic priorities for the Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative on an annual basis, aligning with the priorities and key drivers set out in the National Improvement Framework, and ensure the City Region Improvement Plan addresses these priorities. The Committee will receive reports on the progress of the Plan and its impact.
- 2.3. The associated actions and improvement plans of each Member Authority (local education authorities) will continue to be overseen through existing local governance arrangements, maintaining local government accountability for the delivery of improvements in education services to each community and council area. This approach also allows for the very good partnership working already established in each council for children's services to continue to contribute positively to the wellbeing of children and families and in so doing, support educational improvement.

### **3. Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1. A Terms of Reference (appendix 1) for the Glasgow City Region Education Committee has been prepared, setting out the role and responsibilities of the Committee, as well as the governance arrangements agreed previously by the City Region Cabinet.
- 3.2. The Terms of Reference seek to reaffirm the GCREIC commitment to ensuring local democratic accountability, emphasising the Committee's role in seeking to enhance and support existing good practice across the City Region.
- 3.3. It is proposed that, as a new structure, the Terms of Reference be kept under review to ensure the Committee is working effectively.
- 3.4. As previously agreed by the City Region Cabinet, the Committee will provide regular reports to the Cabinet itself. It is anticipated that the Committee will seek to report on the Improvement Plan and the impact of actions cross the City Region. At Cabinet the Committee will be represented by the Regional Lead Officer and the Chair.

### **4. Next Steps**

- 4.1. The GCREIC is required to have an Improvement Plan in place by January 2018. As agreed by the City Region Cabinet, the Improvement Plan will focus on three initial priorities: improvement; early learning and childcare; and learner journey. The Plan will set out targets to be achieved and high level actions over a three year period, and will be reviewed and updated on annually, based on the evaluation of progress and impact.
- 4.2. The Improvement Plan will be prepared by the GCREIC and considered by the City Region Education Committee at its initial meeting, as outlined in the Terms of Reference. Thereafter the Plan will be reported to the City Region Cabinet and referred to Member Authorities for information. Member Authorities will consider the Regional Improvement Plan and develop their own local improvement plans and actions as appropriate to their areas.
- 4.3. To meet the Scottish Government's deadline for the Improvement Plan to be in place, it is proposed that the initial meeting of the City Region Education Committee be scheduled for the week beginning 15th January 2018. This will provide sufficient scope for an Improvement Plan to be prepared.
- 4.4. Following its endorsement from the Committee, it will be submitted for noting at the City Region Cabinet meeting on the 13th February 2018.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 It is recommended that Cabinet notes the report, the time line for the development of the Regional Improvement Plan, and agrees the terms of reference for the City Region Education Committee.

**GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

<b>Membership:</b>	8 members comprising the Education Conveners (or equivalent) in each of the Glasgow City Region Member Authorities.
<b>Chair:</b>	To be elected from within the members
<b>Quorum:</b>	3
<b>Meeting arrangements:</b>	6 monthly to be arranged in accordance with the calendar of meetings scheduled for the Glasgow City Region Cabinet.
<b>Attendees:</b>	The Director of Education / Chief Education Officer of each member local authority will attend each meeting.

**Terms of Reference:**

1. To set the strategic priorities for the Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative on an annual basis, aligning with the priorities and key drivers set out in the National Improvement Framework and ensure the City Region Improvement Plan addresses these priorities ;
2. To examine, on behalf of the Glasgow City Region, the draft Regional Improvement Plan and make amendments as appropriate;
3. To ensure the Regional Improvement Plan supports the principles and ambitions of Glasgow City Region's vision and Economic Action Plan, which seeks to enhance and support each individual education authority's existing and future plans to bring about excellence and equity in education;
4. To endorse the Regional Improvement Plan;
5. To offer scrutiny and challenge when receiving reports, scrutinise the progress of the Regional Improvement Plan and the impact on the City Region's economic performance both on a regional basis and in individual member authority areas, within the scope of the Committee's terms of reference;
6. To provide reports to member authorities and the Glasgow City Region Cabinet (Chair and RLO).