

# EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 21st November 2024.

## Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present: Graham Campbell (Chair), Lord Provost (substitute for Malcolm Mitchell), Blair Anderson, Eva Bolander (substitute for Fyeza Ikhlaq), Stephen Curran, Stephen Dornan, Fiona Higgins, Lilith Johnstone, Norman MacLeod (substitute for Zen Ghani), Jill Pidgeon and Roza Salih (substitute for Susan Aitken), Catherine Vallis and David McIlmoyle and Karen Ross.

Also present: Christina Cannon.

Apologies: Susan Aitken, Zen Ghani, Fyeza Ikhlaq and Malcolm Mitchell and Alison McIntyre.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; and F Ross (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

### West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25 noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25, as detailed in the appendices to the report, advising that

- (1) regional improvement collaboratives had been established as part of a joint agreement between the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in 2017 and that their purpose was to bring about improvement across a regional area through better co-operation between peers, schools and local authorities;
- (2) the West Partnership was the largest collaborative and included Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council;
- (3) the West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25 had been approved by the Glasgow City Region Education Committee on 17th September 2024 but also required to be submitted to each individual Council for noting as legal responsibility for education remained with each local authority; and
- (4) in November 2023, the Scottish Government had announced that it would no longer fund regional improvement collaboratives but given the strong impact

of partnership working, it was the intention of the West Partnership to continue to collaborate beyond 2025 and to jointly resource some region wide improvement actions.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25.