



Glasgow City Council

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee

Report by Executive Director of Education Services

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**WEST PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023-24 AND
IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024-25**

Purpose of Report:

To note the West Partnership Performance Report 2023-24 and Improvement Plan 2024-25.

Recommendations:

The committee note the West Partnership Performance Report and Improvement Plan.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 Background

Regional Improvement Collaboratives were established as part of the Joint Agreement between Scottish Government and COSLA in 2017. The purpose of the collaboratives has been to bring about improvement across a regional area through better cooperation between peers, schools and local authorities. The West Partnership is the largest collaborative and includes Glasgow, North and South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde. In all, the West Partnership includes around 35% of Scotland's children and young people.

The Improvement Plan is approved by Glasgow City Region Education Committee which consists of the Education Conveners from the seven local authorities. However, it is also brought to each individual Council's process for noting as legal responsibility for education remains with each local authority.

In November 2023 the Scottish Government announced that it would no longer fund Regional Improvement Collaboratives. Given the strong impact of the partnership working, it is the intention of the West Partnership to continue to collaborate beyond 2025 and to jointly resource some region wide improvement actions.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: There are no financial implications as the West Partnership is funded by Scottish Government.

Legal: There are no legal implications as legal responsibility for improvement remains with Glasgow City Council.

Personnel: There are no personnel issues arising from this plan.

Procurement: There are no procurement implications arising from this plan.

Council Strategic Plan: The West Partnership Improvement Plan supports Grand Challenge 1, Mission 2: Meet the learning and care needs of children and families before and through school; and Grand Challenge 2, Mission 3, raise attainment amongst Glasgow's children and young people.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

The improvement plan supports Equality Outcomes 13 and 14, to challenge discrimination in schools and to support children and young people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

Positive impact.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

The policy is aimed at addressing socioeconomic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

No

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

None

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

No

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

There are no potential data protection impacts as a result of this report.

3 Recommendations

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