

**GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2020 by video conference.

**Present:** Councillor Jim Paterson (Chair), Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Jim Goodall, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Paul O’Kane, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Chris Cunningham, Glasgow City Council; Councillor Jim Clocherty, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Frank McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Councillor Katy Loudon, South Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Karen Conaghan, West Dunbartonshire Council.

**Attending:** Donna Brand (Clerk); Jacqueline MacDonald, East Dunbartonshire Council; Mhairi Shaw and Alistair Brown, East Renfrewshire Council; David McClelland, Glasgow City Council; Tony McEwan, Inverclyde Council; Anne Munro, North Lanarkshire Council; Steven Quinn, Renfrewshire Council; Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; Laura Mason, West Dunbartonshire Council; and Patricia Watson, Education Scotland.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.**

- 1 There was submitted and approved the minutes of 3rd March 2020.

**West Partnership – Draft Regional Improvement Plan 2020-23 – Position agreed etc.**

2 With reference to the minutes of 27th August 2019 approving the West Partnership’s Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22, there was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing the committee with an opportunity to examine the West Partnership’s updated draft Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2020-23 and seeking the committee’s endorsement of the plan, advising

- (1) that the updated draft RIP 2020-23, as detailed in an appendix to the report, had been prepared outlining future proposed activity, based on the revised governance and operational structure previously approved by committee;
- (2) that the RIP 2020-23 had sought to build on the outcomes and measures outlined in the previous version, showing a more streamlined and sharper focus towards the improvement agenda, with the 6 workstreams in the previous RIP being reduced to 3, with a clear emphasis throughout each of the 3 workstreams on support and recovery within the ongoing context of COVID-19;
- (3) that the draft RIP set out the 3 broad workstreams and associated action plans, which would be developed further over the coming year, and each workstream would be led by one of the seconded Lead Officers, with support

from Directors of Education/Chief Education Officers and staff from Education Scotland;

- (4) that each of the individual action plans remained in draft form and it was envisaged that these might be subject to change based on ongoing consultation with stakeholders and to allow workstreams to respond with agility in providing ongoing, targeted support for recovery from COVID-19;
- (5) 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
- (6) of a proposal that the endorsed RIP be presented to the Glasgow City Region Cabinet in October 2020 for consideration.

After consideration, and having heard Mhairi Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council the committee

- (a) noted and endorsed the draft RIP 2020-23; and
- (b) agreed to report to
  - (i) the Glasgow City Region Cabinet on the endorsed RIP; and
  - (ii) each individual local authority on the RIP, maintaining local democratic oversight.

### **Chair's remarks.**

**3** The Chair advised that Mhairi Shaw would shortly be retiring and that this would be her last meeting, and on behalf of the committee thanked Mhairi for her contribution to the work of the committee and wished her well for the future.

### **West Partnership: Draft Regional Improvement Plan 2019/20 – Presentation noted etc.**

**4** 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) 2019-22, across the West Partnership throughout 2019/20, advising

- (1) that overall, throughout the last year, the West Partnership had continued to make very good progress in implementing the RIP 2019-22 and had successfully raised awareness and extended its reach across its 8 partner education authorities;
- (2) that social media and digital technologies had been used very effectively, with over 3,000 practitioners having attended one or more West Partnership

events during 2019/20, and almost 2,000 secondary teachers having participated in one of the Subject Network Forums;

- (3) that very good progress had been made in developing and supporting leadership skills, with high-quality training in assessment and moderation being delivered to well over 700 practitioners, resulting in a higher level of consistency in those practices across the Partnership;
- (4) that collaborative working had been strongly encouraged and supported and many Collaborative Learning Networks now existed across and between the 8 authorities; and
- (5) that very good progress had also been made in relation to performance measures, including attainment at the broad general education and senior phases, that the proportion of Partnership's young people who had moved on to a positive destination had improved and there was evidence of a reduction in the poverty-related attainment gap.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mr Steven Quinn, Renfrewshire Council, the committee noted the report.

**Dates of future meetings noted.**

**5** The committee noted the dates of future meetings as follows:-

Tuesday, 17th November 2020;  
Tuesday, 2nd March 2021; and  
Tuesday, 25th May 2021.