

### **West Partnership – Draft Interim Action Plan endorsed.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer regarding the West Partnership's draft Interim Action Plan (IAP), which had been endorsed by the Education Committee on 2nd March 2021 and the Chief Executives' Group of 25th March 2021, and referred to this Cabinet for consideration, advising that

- (1) in September 2020 the West Partnership Improvement Plan, 'The Road to Renewal: Our Response to COVID-19' had been drawn up outlining the Partnership's priorities for session 2020-23, which aimed to support activities during the period of recovery from the pandemic, as well as aiming to address both recovery and renewal;
- (2) in January 2021, a further IAP, as detailed in an appendix to the report, had been drawn up at the request of Directors of Education in order to address the challenges of the current and immediately foreseeable education landscape; and
- (3) the IAP, while based almost entirely on the existing 2020-23 Plan, had recognised the need to prioritise and accelerate certain aspects of that Plan, having identified 7 priority projects, each of which had a specific relevance during the pandemic restrictions, as detailed in the IAP.

After consideration and having heard Tony McDaid, Regional Lead Officer, the Cabinet endorsed the draft IAP.