

GLASGOW CITY REGION EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meeting held on 24th August 2021 by video conference.

Present: Councillor Jim Paterson (Chair), Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Jim Goodall, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Alan Lafferty, 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); Greg Bremner, East Dunbartonshire Council (substitute for Jacqueline MacDonald); Sharon Hayward and Mark Ratter, East Renfrewshire Council; Gerry Lyons and David McClelland, Glasgow City Council; Ruth Binks, Inverclyde Council; Derek Brown, North Lanarkshire Council; Steven Quinn, Renfrewshire Council; Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; Laura Mason, West Dunbartonshire Council; Alan Taylor, Head Teacher co-opted representative; and Pamela Di Nardo, Education Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1 There was submitted and approved the minutes of 25th May 2021.

West Partnership Evaluation Report 2020/21 – Progress noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing an update on the progress which had been made over the academic year 2020/21 towards achieving each of the associated target outcomes and expected impacts, as detailed in the West Partnership Improvement Plan for 2020-23,

- (1) advising that overall, throughout the last year, the West Partnership had continued to make very good progress across the 3 main workstreams despite the significant challenges that all education staff had faced during the course of the school session; and
- (2) detailing, in the appendix to the report, the West Partnership Evaluation Report 2020/21, including case studies providing relevant data to demonstrate the progress of learners across all 8 local authorities.

West Partnership draft Regional Improvement Plan 2021/22 approved etc.

3 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer seeking the committee's endorsement of the West Partnership's draft Regional Improvement Plan (RIP), advising

- (1) that since this committee had approved the submission of the West Partnership's RIP to Education Scotland in August 2019, as required by statute, an updated RIP had been developed outlining future proposed activity based on the revised governance and operational structure previously approved by this committee;
- (2) that over the past session, engagement sessions with stakeholders had taken place which contemplated the ongoing evaluation activity and had provided a clearer set of qualitative and quantitative data to ensure the Improvement Plan met the needs of practitioners and officers across the West Partnership and that there was a clear consensus that existing programmes and activity had met the needs of officers and practitioners across the West Partnership; and
- (3) that in response to the consultation, the new workstream 'Wellbeing for Learning' would focus on children, young people and families' readiness for learning, and would include more extended work with Community, Learning and Development colleagues and further provision for those supporting the most vulnerable learners.

After consideration, the committee agreed

- (a) to endorse the draft Regional Improvement Plan 2021/22;
- (b) to submit the draft RIP to the Glasgow City Region Cabinet for its consideration; and
- (c) to report to each individual authority on the Improvement Plan, maintaining local democratic oversight.

West Online School Update – Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing an updated position on the ongoing work of the West Online School (OS), advising that

- (1) that over 2,000 pre-recorded lessons ranging across the Broad General Education into the Senior Phase were now available to support teachers and learners and information gathered on the usage of West OS had been very positive;
- (2) that in order to ensure high quality learning experiences, West OS had consistently followed a 3-step quality assurance process, which had promoted a collaborative approach that brought together subject expertise from across the system; and
- (3) of statistical information that had been gathered following a survey of practitioners in March 2021, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

Governance arrangements - West Partnership Regional Improvement Collaborative – Update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer providing an update on discussions in relation to the governance arrangements of the West Partnership, advising that

- (1) a review of the current governance arrangements of the West Partnership had been carried out, and that feedback had been collated from members of the committee;
- (2) the overall view was that the West Partnership development had made significant progress, that local authorities had seen the benefit of the partnership and that this committee carried out an important function by acting as a conduit between the West Partnership and Local Authority Education Committees, as well as the Glasgow City Region Executive Group; and
- (3) there was recognition that the position and role of this committee might evolve over time, and that these matters would be taken forward at an appropriate time within the next committee cycle.

After consideration, the committee agreed to continue the current governance arrangements for the West Partnership Regional Improvement Collaborative.

Dates of future meetings noted.

6 The committee noted the undernoted committee dates to May 2022, and that the next 2 meetings should be held via MS Teams:-

Tuesday, 23rd November 2021 at 1030 hours;
Tuesday, 1st March 2022 at 1030 hours; and
Tuesday, 24th May 2022 at 1030 hours.