

GWE JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE



Date of meeting

26 May 2021

SUBJECT

Item 5: GWE ACCOUNTS 2020-2021 - REVENUE OUT-TURN

DECISION

- a) To note and accept the Income Account and Revenue Expenditure for 2020/21 presented in Appendix 1 as the final financial situation.
 - b) The Joint Committee approves a financial transfer to earmark underspend from 2020/21 (£83,326) to GwE's reserves.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Joint Committee members received a final report noting the revenue out-turn at the end of the 2020/21 financial year. It was noted that there is an £83,000 underspend, mainly due to savings from travelling expenses. It was added that GwE's current financial situation is lean at the end of the financial year.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

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Item 6: GWE BUSINESS PLAN 2021-2022

DECISION

To approve GwE's Regional Business Plan for 2021-2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Business Plan was presented noting that it outlines the vision, values and behaviour of the service, as well as regional priority areas for improvement. The Business Plan was also said to address the strategic priorities of the Welsh Government and Local Authorities, which fall within GwE's remit.

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Item 7: RISK REGISTER

DECISION

- a) To note and accept the content of the report.
 - b) The Joint Committee will be briefed on the Risk Register during the next discussion in relation to correlating risks associated with the recruitment of leaders, and the recruitment of qualified bilingual staff.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

GwE's risk register is a working document and is regularly reviewed. It is presented to the Joint Committee annually, and when new risks are identified and there is a need for the Joint Committee to be aware of them.

During the discussion, recruitment risks were highlighted in light of forecasts that heads or lead staff would be retiring because of the pandemic.

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Item 8: ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS: SUMMER TERM 2021

DECISION

To accept the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The report was presented for information purposes in order to note that the assessment situation reflects the situation in 2020 i.e. that there is no expectation for teachers to undertake assessment or moderation.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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Item 9: THE REFORM JOURNEY: THINKPIECES

DECISION

- a) To accept the report.
- b) The intention is to share developments with Elected Members and the wider community in order to raise awareness of GwE'S ongoing work in ensuring the success of the new curriculum in 2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that GwE team members, guided and supported by Professor Graham Donaldson, had jointly produced a collection of papers. The Think Pieces aim to encourage discussion and support schools with their preparations for the Curriculum for Wales.

It was decided that it would be worth sharing this work on a wider scale in order to highlight GwE's work and to spread the word about the opportunities brought about by the new curriculum.

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Item 10: ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW: RECOMMENDATIONS

DECISION

- a) To note and accept the content of the report.
 - b) That Joint Committee members are briefed in the autumn on the steps taken to meet the recommendations within Estyn's thematic review.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As requested by the Education Minister, a thematic review was conducted by Estyn of local authority and regional consortia approaches to supporting learning and vulnerable learners during the COVID-19 period.

A list was obtained of Estyn's recommendations in light of this review and visits were recently carried out to look at the progress made by authorities and GwE against these.

As there was only a short space of time between the publication of the report in December/January and the recent visits, it was suggested that the Joint Committee be updated in the autumn on the steps taken to deliver against the recommendations noted in Estyn's thematic report.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.
