



REPORT FOR JOINT-COMMITTEE

15 July 2015

Report by: GwE Lead Director (Chair of the Management Board)

Subject: Business Case - National Model for Regional Working

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the final business case for approval.

2.0 Background

2.1 The National Model for Regional Working guidance document was published by the Welsh Government in February 2014.

2.2 At the Joint Committee meeting on 25 February 2015, the Management Board's report noting the preferred direction for the alignment of regional working arrangements with the National Model was approved.

2.2 As a result of the Joint Committee's support of the preferred direction, this final business case summarises the current situation per area of work, weighs up the possible options, and recommends the most effective interventions for delivery.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the following interventions per area of work:

- Governor Advice and Support (page 10 of the report)
- The Foundation Phase (page 10 of the report)
- Learning Pathways 14 – 19 (page 12 of the report)

- Welsh Education Strategic Plans (WESP) and Welsh in Education Grant (WEG) (page 13 of the report)
- Regional Co-ordination of ICT Strategy (page 14 of the report)
- Specialist Human Resources Support (page 14 of the report)

3.2 The Joint Committee is asked to delegate the responsibility of planning and executing the interventions to GwE's Management Board.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 No substantial financial implications are associated with the changes except for the £10,000 per annum to commission an adviser to monitor and report on the standard of Governor Support.

5.0 Impact in terms of equality

There is no new impact in terms of equality arising from this report.

6.0 Personnel Implications

6.1 There are no new implications in terms of personnel arising from this report.

7.0 Appendices

7.1 Business Case – National Model for Regional Working (along with appendices 1-5 and A-C).

VIEW OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

The Monitoring Officer:

This work builds on the partners' decision to adopt the National Model in 2014. At the time, a phased implementation of the Model was agreed, subject to a business case and supporting transition plan. The proposed plan aims to meet this requirement. However, there is a need to ensure that commissioning and delivery arrangements are formalised where GwE receives services via the authorities. There is also a need to review wider structures where GwE is set a new and specific role in an attempt to acknowledge and embrace the responsibilities and accountability imposed on the Service.

The Statutory Finance Officer:

Comments will be submitted verbally at the meeting.