



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

11 September 2019

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: 2019-20 Business Plan – Monitoring Quarter 1 Report

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the Level 1 Business Plan – Monitoring Quarter 1 Report to the Joint Committee.

2.0 Background

2.1 The regional business plan sets out the priority areas for improvement across the region. The Management Board and the GwE Joint Committee have approved the strategic objectives and priorities for improvement for 2019-20.

2.2 Strategic Objectives: The business plan aligns with *Education in Wales: Our National Mission* (Welsh Government), and reflects the current regional and national priorities:

1. Developing a high-quality education profession
 2. Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards
 3. Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being
 4. Robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system
 5. Transformational Curriculum
 6. Business
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2.3 The priorities and areas for improvement for 2019-20 are based firmly on the findings of the self-evaluation processes and through consultation with headteachers and the local authorities.

2.4 The GwE Business Planning Framework that's in place ensures clarity and strategic coordination in the delivery of the priorities on a local, regional and national level.

2.5 Progress against the Business Plan will be reported upon quarterly to the Joint Committee.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 The regional business plan set out the priorities across the region. These priorities are those at Level 1 and are the responsibility of the Managing Director. The Joint Committee are ultimately accountable for the delivery against the priorities.

3.2 Level 2 and 3 plans sit below the Level 1 plan and give more detailed information with regard to national, regional and local priorities. The Level 2 and 3 plans provide detail with regard to the actions to be delivered and the outputs and success criteria to be achieved. The 3 level business planning framework developed ensures accountability for delivery and provides the structure for monitoring progress effectively.

3.3. Enclosed is the Quarter 1 Monitoring Report of the Level 1 Business Plan which provides a progress report on the actions, progress measures / targets and expenditure profile.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the monitoring report for quarter 1.

4.2 Determine if there are any aspects of the plan that they wish to discuss further at future meetings.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. GwE will operate within the current financial resources.

6.0 Equalities Impact

6.1 There are no new equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Personnel Implications

7.1 There are no new personnel implications arising from this report.

8.0 Consultation Undertaken

8.1 GwE User Groups, County Quality Boards, Headteachers Strategic Forums, GwE Management Board and Joint Committee have been consulted during the development of the Level 1 Business Plan.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Monitoring quarter 1 report.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I appreciate the Business Plan, which sets out a clear responsibility for the proper operation of business, risk, and value for money, inter alia. Paragraph 5 of the covering report states that GwE will fund any financial implications arising from the Business Plan within its current budget. I note that another item on this agenda explains a review of GwE's staff structure which will realise the savings target, and the service must address all the business needs in the context of the unavoidable financial constraints.