



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

26 February 2020

Report by: GwE Managing Director & GwE Lead Director / Chair of Management Board

Subject: Working together to improve schools

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek approval from the Joint Committee to undertake a review of the present Core Lead Role and the information sharing systems across the region.

2.0 Background

2.1 In a recent GwE Management Board meeting on 14 February 2020, it was recommended to review the following:

- The Core Lead role and structure across the region
- The sharing of information between Local Authorities and GwE, including the G6 platform (the regional management information system).

3.0 Considerations

3.1 The need to align the outcomes of the review with National Evaluation, Improvement and Accountability Framework.

- 3.2 The need to align with emerging recommendations from LAs inspection findings.
- 3.3 Develop a consistent structured approach in supporting schools across LAs and GwE, with roles and responsibilities clearly defined.
- 3.4 The need to ensure a holistic approach to school improvement and the effective sharing of key information between partners and other stakeholders.
- 3.5 The need to consult with schools and establish a protocol for sharing information and its use for improvement and/or accountability purposes.
- 3.6 Ensure that the findings of the review is clearly communicated to all relevant stakeholders.
- 3.7 During the review process we would seek advice from Welsh Government and external consultants.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve a review of the present Core Lead Role in GwE and the sharing of information between Local Authorities and GwE.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. Any financial implications will be identified and reported as part of the review.

6.0 Equalities Impact

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

7.0 Personnel Implications

There are no new personnel implications arising from this report. Any personnel implications will be identified and reported as part of the review.

8.0 Consultation Undertaken

- 8.1 The GwE Management Board has been consulted and are supportive of the review.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

No observations to add in relation to propriety.

Statutory Finance Officer:

The author states in paragraph 5 that there will be no additional financial implications arising from this report, hence GwE is expected to implement the review within its current budget.