



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2015

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: GwE Annual Report 2014-15

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the GwE Annual Report for 2014-15.

2.0 Background

2.1 As is stated in the GwE Inter Authority Agreement, GwE will report annually on the performance of the Service in delivering the Service Functions and Key Aims.

3.0 Considerations

The priority outcomes for 2014-15 were identified in the GwE Annual Business Plan and agreed by the Joint Committee and the individual local authorities. They were as follows:

Section 1: Key priorities for improving learner outcomes

1. *Increase the proportion of learners who achieve the Level 2+ Threshold at the end of KS4*
 2. *Raise standards for learners eligible for FSM*
 3. *Raise standards for learners in the national reading and numeracy tests across the region*
 4. *Increase the uptake of, and raise standards in, Welsh as a First Language across the region in line with the WESP in individual LAs*
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5. *Increase the proportion of 16 year old learners who achieve at least 5 A* or A grades by the end of KS4*
6. *Establish and promote an effective regional model for school>school support*
7. *Develop quality leadership and teaching and learning at all levels*
8. *Support schools to develop more robust and effective assessment, standardisation and moderation processes*

Section 2: Key priorities for developing the business capacity and functions of GwE as an organisation

1. *Develop leadership and business capacity to effectively fulfil key functions.*
2. *Ensure the effective governance of GwE*
3. *Ensure robust scrutiny and quality assurance at all levels*
4. *Ensure that GwE becomes a sustainable and effective leading partner within the educational community*

The Annual report provides detail on the progress achieved against these priority outcomes.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the content of the report.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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 The GwE Management Board has been consulted during the development of the document.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 GwE Annual Report 2014-15

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Observations will be given in the meeting.

Statutory Finance Officer:

Nothing to add to the report from a financial propriety perspective.