



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

15 JULY 2020

Report by: Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director

Subject: GwE Annual Report 2019-20

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the GwE Annual Report for the 2019-20 financial year.

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

3.1 Enclosed is the annual report which provides an overview of the following areas: standards, the priorities and regional provision, contribution of the service to the transformation agenda, partnership working and business matters.

3.2 The main areas for development were identified through the service's self-evaluation process, and these are included in our Business Plan. The Business Plan and the regional priorities for 2020-2023 were approved at the meeting of the Joint Committee on 26 February 2020.

3.3 In response to COVID-19, on 23 March 2020, schools were re-purposed to support children of key workers and some vulnerable learners. GwE have also adapted and reviewed the regional priorities and work streams in order to continue to provide services and support for all our school communities. Our main priorities and work streams during this period have been as follows:

- Phase 1: Pre-lockdown
- Phase 2: Supporting schools at the beginning of lockdown
- Phase 3: Distance Learning
- Phase 4: Supporting schools to re-open
- Phase 5: Blended Learning

A summary of the activities, outcomes and impact are outlined in the 'GwE Work Programme' report.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to recommend and accept the report.

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 Consultation with GwE User Groups, County Quality Boards, Headteachers Strategic Forums, GwE Management Board and Joint Committee

9.0 Appendices

9.1 GwE Annual Report 2019-20.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

Section 5 of the report clarifies that “there are no financial implications arising from this report” as “GwE will operate within their current financial resources”. Consequently, I have no observations to add from a financial propriety perspective.