



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2021

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: Annual Governance Statement for the Joint Committee

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 sets fixed requirements on public bodies that operate partnership management arrangements through formal joint committees.

2.2 Section 5 requires the Joint Committee to review and approve annually a statement of internal control. To comply with this requirement the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared. The document has been produced to offer a framework to the Joint Committee's operation.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Joint Committee is asked to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Equalities Impact

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

6.0 Personnel Implications

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

7.0 Appendices

7.1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

I am satisfied that the Statement provides an appropriate description of GwE's governance arrangements.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I am satisfied that this statement is a fair reflection of GwE governance arrangements for the year 2020/21, and that arrangements for accountability are appropriate. The statement meets the requirement to describe GwE's governance framework, and to assess how effective it is operating. I shall support GwE as necessary as it gives attention to the matters noted in Part 5 of the statement.

During the period under consideration the members of the Joint Committee (Councillors and Chief Education Officers of the 6 local authorities in north Wales, together with the Managing Director of the Service) have continued to work together to ensure that GwE continues to fulfil the responsibilities effectively.