



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

22 SEPTEMBER 2021

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Subject: Digital Learning

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 Share information with members of the Joint Committee in relation to 'Digital Learning'.

1.0 Background

2.1 Ongoing developments through the Hwb / EdTech programme has led to improved core infrastructure and increased number of user devices being rolled out across the region's schools aimed at increasing engagement with a series of national strategies/priorities.

2.2 In order to ensure a clear strategic direction for the implementation of these strategies and priorities, it is proposed to establish a Regional Digital Learning Group to plan and oversee specific aspects of the work.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Attached (Appendix 1) is the terms of reference for the Regional Digital Learning Group.

3.2 The main purpose of the group will be:

- Set out a strategic direction to support GwE, Local Authorities and Schools to implement the above strategies.
- To make all stakeholders aware of developments in relation to the above strategies / priorities.
- To give LA's a space to discuss and share experiences in relation to the EdTech programme.
- To ensure that schools are made aware of developments and opportunities that arise through the wider digital learning agenda.
- To share effective practice locally and regionally.
- To give strategic input to national, regional and local professional learning programmes.
- To explore and promote opportunities to use digital technology to support the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) in all streams of digital learning.
- To explore how digital technology can support the development of all areas of the reform journey.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to accept and approve the terms of reference of the Regional Digital Learning Group which will set the strategic direction to support GwE, the Local Authorities and schools in implementing national strategies and priorities.

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 Consultation with GwE Management Board

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Digital Learning Regional Group terms of reference

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I note that part 5.1 of the report confirms that there are no financial implications arising from approving the remit of the Regional Digital Learning Group. Therefore, I have nothing to add to the report from a financial propriety perspective.