



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

16/02/2022

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: Pupil information sharing agreement between the Local Authorities and GwE.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present information to members of the Joint-Committee regarding the pupil information sharing agreement that exists between the Local Authorities and GwE.

2.0 Background

2.1 An agreement to share pupil information and pupil performance data between the Authorities and GwE has existed since GwE was established.

2.2 The current agreement was approved by Authority officials in the Autumn of 2021 with the next review due in 2023.

2.3 GwE requires the data to produce analysis detailing the performance of pupils and the pupil characteristics of our schools, authorities and the region to ensure that data is used effectively to pose and answer question to improve standards. And to ensure consistency of analysis across the six authorities.

2.4 As part of the agreement GwE does not release any personal data about the region's pupils, GwE only processes the information to produce summarised analysis. Any requests for personal pupil data will be referred to the authorities.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Although the agreement has been approved several times in the past the content is constantly reviewed and will be re-submitted to the authorities for approval should changes be required.

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. GwE will operate within 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 Management Board and the data protection officers of each Local Authority.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Welsh Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI)

OPINION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

I note that the agreement has received input from the authorities' data protection officers and accepted and approved by the authorities' officers in the Autumn Term 2021.

Statutory Finance Officer:

"Nothing to add from the perspective of financial propriety."
