



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

13 JULY 2022

Report by: Alwyn Jones, GwE Assistant Director

Subject: GwE Annual Report 2021-22

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the GwE 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Joint Committee.

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.

2.2 This year's GwE Annual Report outlines how GwE staff have re-purposed their work appropriately over the last two years to continue to deliver effective services and support for all their communities of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. During this difficult period, GwE has stayed true to its vision and values as an institution that is still learning. At the heart of the work with schools and partners were the OECD's transversal themes of Trust, Thinking Together, Time and Technology.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Enclosed is the annual report which provides an overview of the following areas:

- Background and context

- GwE work programme and support to schools during the pandemic: making a difference
- Evaluating the Impact of our work
- Supporting schools in their preparation for The Reform Journey and Curriculum for Wales
- Supporting and improving the quality of teaching and leadership
- Y Gymraeg
- Wellbeing
- Peer Engagement
- Business matters
- Business plan priorities for 2022-2023

3.2 The report describes how GwE has continued to support schools in their preparations for The Reform Journey and Curriculum for Wales, and in improving the quality of teaching and leadership.

3.3 The report also outlines GwE governance and accountability arrangements and identifies strategic and regional priorities for 2022-23. Our strategic objectives reflect the current regional and national priorities, and the main areas for development were identified through the service's self-evaluation process. The overarching priorities for 2022-2023 were agreed with the Joint Committee on 16 February 2022.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve and accept the Annual Report for 2021-2022.

4.2 Determine if there are any aspects of the report that they wish to discuss further at future meetings.

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 County Quality Boards, Headteachers Strategic Forums, GwE Management Board and Joint Committee.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 GwE Annual Report 2021-22 and supporting documents:

- APPENDIX 1: GwE work programme and support to schools during the covid pandemic
- APPENDIX 2: Impact of work streams
- APPENDIX 3: Progress Report on Reform Journey - Autumn Term 2021
- APPENDIX 4: Regional Strategy - Renew and reform: supporting learners' wellbeing and progression
- APPENDIX 5: Business Plan Regional Data
- APPENDIX 6: GwE Regional Business Plan 2022-2023

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

I confirm that that the GwE Managing Director is required, in accordance with the inter authority agreement, to present an annual report on the performance of the service to the Joint Committee and the Councils.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I am satisfied that the report is a fair reflection of the work of GwE during 2021/22. I have no further comments from the perspective of financial propriety.
