



**REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 27 January 2016**

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**Report by: Dafydd Rhys**

**Subject:** Cluster Standardisation and Moderation in KS2 and 3

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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To inform the Joint Committee of the regional and national standardisation and moderation arrangements to verify teacher assessment at the end of key stage 2 and 3.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 Following a recommendation by Estyn in its annual report to Welsh Government, a consultation was undertaken between December 2014 and March 2015 on the standardisation and moderation of end of key stage 2 and 3 assessments. Amongst the recommendations was to develop the role of the consortia to oversee the process from 2015-16 onwards, ensuring reliability and improving confidence in teacher assessment, and national external verification of the process from 2014-15 onwards.

**3.0 Considerations**

3.1 In addition to responsibility for the process on a regional level, GwE and the other consortia are responsible for the national external verification programme.

**4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the content of the report

**5.0 Financial implications**

5.1 No financial implications arise from this report

**6.0 Equalities impact**

6.1 No new equalities impact arise from this report

**7.0 Personnel Implications**

7.1 No new personnel implications arise from this report

**8.0 Consultation undertaken**

8.1 Consultation undertaken with GwE Management Board during development of the document

**9.0 Appendices**

Update on Standardisation and Moderation - end of KS2/3  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2015/1309/article/1/made>

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**VIEWS OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS**

**Monitoring Officer:** No observations in relation to propriety

**Statutory Finance Officer:** Observations will be made, if appropriate, in the meeting