



**REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**24 FEBRUARY 2016**

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**Report by:** GwE Managing Director & GwE Lead Director / Chair of Management Board

**Subject:** Regional Business Plan 2015-18 – Local Authority Annexes

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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To present the draft Business Plan Local Authority Annexes to the Joint Committee.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 The Regional Business Plan 2015-18 sets out the 3 year vision, aims and priority areas for improvement across the region and was approved by the Joint Committee at its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

2.2 Alongside the overarching regional business plan a local annex for each respective local authority is produced. The following is an extract from the National model for regional working (November 2015).

- Each local authority will provide for their consortium a statement of any changes they propose to make over the coming 12 months in school organisation and their planned arrangements for delivering key services.
  - The annex and the statement will be discussed individually with each authority through a meeting with the lead officer, and the elected member with responsibility for children and education services.
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- The Local Authority Leader will make sure that the governance arrangements for consortia enable them to maintain oversight of, and accountability for their statutory duties.
- The business plan annex will need to dovetail with and not duplicate other local authority corporate plans and the Single Plan.
- Any local authority concerns or requests in relation to the content of the draft business plan that cannot be agreed between the managing director and a constituent authority will be reported to the Joint Committee as part of their consideration of the draft plan.
- The business plan annex for each local authority may, once it is agreed, form a Service Level Agreement, between the consortium and the local authority.

### **3.0 Considerations**

3.1 The Local Annexes follow the same format & include detail on the joint vision, the purpose along with the specific Aims, Core GwE Business Plan Offer, Local Priorities, Actions & Outcomes.

3.2 Progress against the Local Annexes will be jointly monitored by the relevant Senior Challenge & Support Adviser & LA Officers, reporting to the School Improvement Network.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the Business Plan Local Authority Annexes.

### **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 The School Improvement Network, GwE Management Board & Advisory Board have been consulted during the development of the document.

### **9.0 Appendices**

9.1 GwE Business Plan Local Annexes

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**OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS**

**Monitoring Officer:**

The report concludes the work of preparing the Business Plan which was considered in the Joint Committee in November 2015. It is the Joint Committee's function to agree and adopt the annual Business Plan with input and guidance from the Advisory Board and the Management Board.

**Statutory Finance Officer:**

The authors understand that the proposed business plan will need to be achieved within the resources available to GwE, as detailed for 2016/17 in the 'Base Budget' being presented to this meeting of the Joint Committee.