



## REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

6 DECEMBER 2023

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**Report by:** Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director

**Subject:** GwE Regional Business Plan 2023-2024 - Quarter 1 and 2 Monitoring Report

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### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the Quarter 1 and 2 Monitoring Report - GwE Regional Business Plan 2023-2024 to the Joint Committee.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 The Business Plan sets out our vision, values and behaviours and the priority areas for improvement across the region.

2.2 The regional priorities and areas for improvement are strongly embedded in the findings of internal self-evaluation processes, external reviews of current practice and direction of travel and consultation with Headteachers and Local Authorities. Our priorities are a combination of improving provision, leadership and outcomes in schools, along with realising the Reform Journey and the Curriculum for Wales.

2.3 Progress against the Regional Business Plan is reported to the Joint Committee. Attached is the monitoring report for quarter 1 and 2.

### **3.0 Considerations**

**3.1** The Managing Director and Chair of the Management Board have responsibility for delivering the Regional Plan, as accountable officers. The Joint Committee is ultimately accountable for delivering the plan.

**3.2** The GwE Business Planning Framework ensures clarity and strategic harmony in achieving priorities locally, regionally and nationally. Throughout the year, reports pertaining to our priority streams in the Business Plan will be informed through our governance groups.

**3.3** These priorities are supported by detailed service plans, which note the support and provision available to all schools in the region. How and when each priority will be achieved is outlined, and expectations set in terms of next steps in realising the reform journey. In addition, each Local Authority has a detailed business plan which has been agreed by the Head of Service and the Core Adviser.

**3.4** When discussing the 2022-2023 GwE Annual Report in the Joint Committee meeting on 24/05/2023, it was suggested that workshops would be beneficial in the future to discuss specific matters in more detail. In response, a series of workshops have been arranged for the coming months on the following themes:

- School Improvement Framework - School Support Plans
- Transition
- Schools as Learning Organisations
- Pupil Development Grant / Looked After Children

### **4.0 Recommendations**

**4.1** The Joint Committee is asked to approve and accept the monitoring report for quarter 1 and 2.

**4.2** To decide whether there are any aspects they wish to discuss further in future meetings or workshops.

**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 Joint Committee.

**9.0 Appendices**

9.1 Appendix 1 - Quarter 1 and 2 monitoring report

Appendix 2 - Regional Data

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**OPINION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS**

**Monitoring Officer:**

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

**Statutory Finance Officer:**

I am satisfied that implementing the decision sought will not create a new spending commitment. I have no further comments from the perspective of financial propriety.