



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

25 NOVEMBER 2016

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: Estyn Recommendations – Progress Report

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update Joint Committee members on progress in delivering the recommendations as identified in the report on the quality of the school improvement services provided by the North Wales Consortium (Estyn, April 2016).

2.0 Considerations

2.1 The Estyn Regional Inspection took place during the two weeks commencing 18 April 2016.

2.2 Estyn published a report on their findings which included the following 6 recommendations:

- **R1:** Ensure that the school improvement service uses data, target setting and tracking procedures more effectively to challenge and support schools in order to improve performance of all learners across schools and local authorities, particularly at key stage 4
 - **R2:** Improve the quality of evaluation in the delivery of school improvement services.
 - **R3:** Improve the rigour of the arrangements for identifying and managing risk.
 - **R4:** Ensure that business and operational plans contain clear success criteria and that progress against these is monitored effectively.
 - **R5:** Clarify the strategic role of the regional networks and their accountability to the Joint Committee.
 - **R6:** Develop an appropriate framework to assess value for money; ensure that the business plan is accompanied by a medium-term financial plan and that work-streams are fully costed.
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2.4 A post-inspection plan is in place & has been incorporated into the Regional Business Plan 2016-19.

2.5 The Progress Report provides a narrative with regard to progress to date against the recommendations.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the content of the report.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Equalities Impact

5.1 There are no new equalities implications arising from this report.

6.0 Personnel Implications

6.1 There are no new personnel implications arising from this report.

7.0 Consultation Undertaken

7.1 None undertaken.

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Estyn Recommendations: Progress Report (November 2016)

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Comments will be presented verbally at the meeting.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I understand that any costs attached to implementing the ESTYN recommendations will be funded from GwE's existing resources.