



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

22 MAY 2024

Report by: Alwyn Jones - GwE Assistant Director

Subject: GwE Annual Report 2023-2024

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the GwE 2023-2024 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 The content of the annual report captures progress against the regional strategic objectives and priorities as agreed in our Business Plan for 2023-2024, evaluating impact against actions and outcomes for the whole year.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Enclosed is the Regional Annual Report which captures progress against the regional strategic objectives and priorities for 2023-2024:

1. **School Improvement** - Embedding effective school improvement arrangements while implementing the Curriculum for Wales and associated reforms.

2. **Curriculum & Assessment** - supporting the 4 purposes of the curriculum, ensuring that all learners progress along their own learning pathway gaining a broad range of knowledge, skills and experiences, with equity and excellence at its core.
3. **Developing high-quality teaching and learning** - improving the teaching and learning in our schools by supporting and developing practitioners' understanding of pedagogic skills to support the success of all learners through ambitious professional learning.
4. **Leadership** - developing inspirational leaders to work collaboratively to support the success of all learners along their own learning pathway through accurate self-evaluation and robust improvement planning and delivery.

Continue to develop a self-improving system, in which the education profession has the skills, capacity & ability to continually learn & improve their practice, working towards being learning organisations.

5. **A positive education experience for everyone** – committed to excellence, equity & well-being, with learners and staff supported in their wellbeing and resilience, which is essential for improving education outcomes and life chances.

Ensure that learners are supported to be healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society, within places of learning that are supportive, safe, inclusive and free from discrimination and bullying.

Empowering all learners and communities to have strong relationships with education providers, so that we tackle disadvantage and deliver world-class education locally and nationally.

6. **Cymraeg belongs to us all** - giving every learner equal access to the language and everyone the opportunity to reach their potential.

Encourage the use of Welsh across the education system, as an integral part of Curriculum for Wales, our Cymraeg 2050 ambitions and expanding provision post-16 to study through Welsh and opportunities to learn the language as active and engaged citizens.

7. **Business** - ensuring that GwE has strong governance, appropriate and effective school improvement and business structures, that provides positive impact and value for money.

3.2 In addition to the Regional Annual Report, each Local Authority will be provided with a detailed report giving a specific local overview, capturing progress against five key areas in addition to identifying the next steps on the improvement trajectory:

- Key Area 1 – Improving Leadership
- Key Area 2 – Improving Teaching and Learning
- Key Area 3 – Curriculum and Provision
- Key Area 4 – Learner Progress and Standards
- Key Area 5 – Support and Challenge for Schools Causing Concern

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve and accept the Annual Report for 2023-2024.

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 GwE Management Board and Joint Committee.

9.0 Appendices

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OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I am satisfied that the update is a fair reflection of the situation. I have no further comments from the perspective of financial propriety.