

GWE JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE



Date of meeting:

20 May 2020

SUBJECT

Eitem 5:GwE ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 - REVENUE OUT-TURN

DECISION

The Income Account and Revenue Expenditure for 2019/20 was noted and accepted as noted in Appendix 1, along with a commentary on the main differences between the budget and true expenditure presented for information, in accordance with 'usual' arrangements in the form of an outturn report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was expressed that its purpose is to report on the final situation of a net underspend against the budget, mainly due to an underspend on employees and the Brokering budget.

A change of (£217,253) to what was reported in quarter 3 was noted, namely an overspend estimate of £27,635, with the subsequent part of the report explaining the reasons to account for the main variances.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

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Eitem 6: WELSH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19 : CUTS TO REGIONAL GRANTS

DECISION

The report was accepted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Joint Committee members need to be updated on the situation regarding regional grants for the 2020/21 financial year

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Eitem 7:QUALIFICATIONS

DECISION

The report was accepted and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with WJEC to further discuss the matter.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Joint Committee needed to consider the implications of the Minister's decision to close schools and the subsequent decision not to go ahead with the 2020 examination series for awarding grades for GCSE, A Level, Skills Challenge Certificate and other vocational qualifications; and also to consider implications for 2021 summer examinations.

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Eitem 8: TRANSITION BACK INTO SCHOOLS

DECISION

It was decided to approve a regional approach, whereby GwE, local authorities and schools work in partnership regarding the next step in adapting education in Wales.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the Minister's decision to close schools as a result of Covid-19, it was expressed that a regional approach allows Local Authorities, GwE and schools to prepare and respond rapidly when Welsh Government instructs schools to reopen for more pupils.

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