



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

20 JULY 2017

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.

2.3 A post-inspection plan is in place & has been incorporated into the Regional Business Plan.

2.4 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 The GwE Management Board has been consulted during the development of the document.

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Estyn Recommendations: Progress Report (July 2017)

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

There are implications to elements of the response to Estyn, in regards to governance arrangements, and the responses will need to be inserted, where relevant, when the framework is finally formalised.

Statutory Finance Officer:

Generally I support the post inspection action plan which is incorporated in the GwE Regional Business Plan. Where necessary I will be supporting the GwE Managing Director to implement, to include Estyn's R6 Recommendation, which includes value for money matters and the mid-term financial plan.