



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

22 NOVEMBER 2017

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: GwE Improvement Strategies 2017-20: Secondary, Primary & Curriculum for Wales

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the draft GwE Improvement Strategies 2017-2020 for the Secondary; Primary; & Curriculum for Wales.

2.0 Considerations

2.1 The purpose of the 3 specific Improvement Strategies are to set out the direction for regional developments over the next three years. The strategies are being introduced within the context of existing national, regional and local policies and plans.

2.2 Given the nature of the national curriculum reform and the pace of change and emerging developments; although the Curriculum for Wales strategy looks to give a 3 year overview, regular monitoring and updates will be vital. Therefore, milestones for Year 1 have been identified with flexibility built in for Years 2 and 3. The programme is being introduced within the context of existing national, regional and local policies and plans.

2.3 It is imperative that the vision, aims and objectives of the Curriculum for Wales strategy programme feed into the current secondary and primary school priorities, to support all schools with current cohorts of learners. As curriculum reform develops with finer detail, schools' engagement with developments will be crucial to allow readiness to deliver a new curriculum for future cohorts of learners, within the nationally agreed timescales.

2.4 Robust management arrangements will be established so as to ensure that all aspects of the programmes are inclusively and effectively implemented. Progress against objectives and indicators will be provided as part of our monitoring and evaluation processes and will be shared with key stakeholders on a quarterly basis.

2.5 The vision, aims and objectives of the strategies will serve as an important context when taking strategic decisions on the future of school improvement within the region and they will be regularly reviewed. It will also support the process of drawing additional resources and funding into the region when, and if, they become available.

2.6 The documents provide information for key stakeholders - advisers, schools, governors, local authority officers and diocesan directors of education - about our intentions and is supplemented by the L2 Regional Secondary, L2 Regional Primary School Improvement Business Plans for 2017-2018 & the L2 Curriculum for Wales Business Plan for 2017-18.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the draft strategies & support the further development through consultation with stakeholders.

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 We will be consulting with the User Groups in developing the strategies further.

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Secondary Improvement Strategy 2017-2020

8.2 Primary Improvement Strategy 2017-2020

8.3 Curriculum for Wales Improvement Strategy 2017-2020

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

No comments from a proprietary perspective

Statutory Finance Officer:

It is expected that any financial implications will be financed from within GwE's existing resources.