



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

22 May 2019

Report by: GwE Managing Director & GwE Lead Director / Chair of Management Board

Subject: 2019-2020 - Level 1 Business Plan

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the 2019-20 Level 1 Business Plan to the Joint Committee for approval.

2.0 Background

2.1 The regional business plan sets out the priority areas for improvement across the region. The Management Board and the GwE Joint Committee have previously approved the strategic objectives and priorities for improvement for 2019-20. The document enclosed outlines the actions and progress measures for the year.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 The business plan aligns with *Education in Wales: Our National Mission*' (Welsh Government), and reflects the current regional and national priorities:

1. Developing a high-quality education profession
 2. Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards
 3. Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being
 4. Robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system
 5. Transformational Curriculum
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6. Business

The priorities and areas for improvement for 2019-20 are based firmly on the findings of the self-evaluation processes and through consultation with headteachers and the local authorities.

3.3 The GwE Business Planning Framework that's in place ensures clarity and strategic coordination in the delivery of the priorities on a local, regional and national level.

3.4 The regional business plan set out the priorities across the region. These priorities are those at Level 1 and are the responsibility of the Managing Director. The Joint Committee are ultimately accountable for the delivery against the priorities.

3.5 Level 2 and 3 plans sit below the Level 1 plan and give more detailed information with regard to national, regional and local priorities. The Level 2 and 3 plans provide detail with regard to the actions to be delivered and the outputs and success criteria to be achieved. The 3 level business planning framework developed ensures accountability for delivery and provides the structure for monitoring progress effectively.

3.6 Progress against the business plan will be reported quarterly at future Joint Committee meetings.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the plan for 2019-20.

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 GwE User Groups, County Quality Boards, Headteachers Strategic Forums, GwE Management Board and Joint Committee.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – 2019-20 Level 1 Business Plan.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Approval of an annual business plan is a specific role of the Joint Committee. No comments to add in relation to propriety.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I appreciate the Business Plan, which sets out a clear responsibility for the proper operation of business, risk, and value for money, inter alia. Paragraph 5 of the covering report states that GwE will fund any financial implications arising from the Business Plan within its current budget. It will be challenging for GwE to implement all aspects of its Business Plan, whilst also realising savings of £206,485. However, the review of structure, etc, will have to address all the business needs in the context of the unavoidable financial constraints.