



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

27 NOVEMBER 2019

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: GwE Resources & Scope

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report outlines the current resources & scope of the regional service.

2.0 Background

2.1 The North Wales Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (GwE) was established in April 2013.

2.2 Following the establishment of the new North Wales School Effectiveness and Improvement Service in April 2013, Welsh Government published a Guidance Document that outlined a National Model for Regional Working (February 2014).

2.3 North Wales Local Authorities, retain the statutory responsibility for school effectiveness and standards.

2.4 The Joint Committee approved the efficiency savings target implementation plan at the last meeting & have therefore implemented the cumulative £206,485 budget cut for this year.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 As yet, GwE have not received an indication of what the forthcoming financial year might bring, to model potential impact and effect.

3.2 The report outlines the scope of the core budget work at school and LA level.

3.3 The prime mission and purpose is to support school improvement by:

- providing support and challenge for schools to improve learner outcomes
- coordinating and facilitating the professional development of the workforce
- improving leadership capacity to develop a self-improving system.

3.4 The report also outlines Welsh Government requirements to deliver and report against their priorities & grant streams.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the content of report.

4.2 Determine if there are any aspects of the report that they wish to discuss further at a future meeting.

5.0 Financial Implications / Risks

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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 The report has been discussed with the GwE Management Board & the North Wales Leadership Board.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

The report give the Joint Committee an appropriate opportunity to take an overview of GwE's circumstances in the context of the current financial position. It accords with its role in overseeing the work of the service.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I confirm the accuracy of the financial facts / figures in paragraph 2.4 of the covering report and in the first part of the appendix. I note from the detailed appendix the very wide range of programs and activities that GwE is responsible for. Of course, it would be more beneficial if the Government allocated the funding without all of these specific grants' conditions, with more flexibility and discretion for us to prioritize all of the resources within the region.

