



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

11 November 2020

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: Audit Reports

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To share relevant audit reports conducted by the region's local authorities on the Pupil Development Grant & the Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant.

2.0 Background

2.1 GwE as the regional consortium for North Wales coordinates & administers the regional grants awarded by Welsh Government.

2.2 In addition to the annual audit of accounts, numerous audits on specific aspects of controls, procedures & processes are conducted on an annual basis.

2.3 The purpose of the audits is to confirm that proper & adequate controls & processes are in place within GwE, the host authority (Gwynedd Council) & the local authorities in administering the grants & meeting the terms & conditions as set by Welsh Government.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 The reports included are:

- Pupil Development Grant Audit Report – Gwynedd Council
 - Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant Audit Report – Gwynedd Council
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- Pupil Development Grant – Looked After Children allocation Audit Report – Isle of Anglesey County Council

3.2 From the audits conducted, substantial assurance / high assurance was provided that adequate & proper controls are in place. There were no identified risks for management attention.

4.0 Recommendation

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

5.0 Financial Implications

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 These audits have been conducted by officers from the relevant local authorities.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix A: Pupil Development Grant Audit Report – Gwynedd Council

9.2 Appendix B: Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant Audit Report – Gwynedd Council

9.3 Appendix C: Pupil Development Grant – Looked After Children allocation Audit Report – Isle of Anglesey County Council

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

It is reassuring to see a 'High' / 'Significant' level of assurance within the 3 internal audit reports presented here. This reflects the appropriate arrangements which are in place within GwE and in the region's authorities to administer these regional grants.