



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

5 OCTOBER 2022

Report by: Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director
Subject: GwE Regional Conference 2022
'Inspiring Leadership: Giving our learners the very best experiences'

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present information to Joint Committee members regarding GwE's regional conference.

2.0 Background

2.1 With the next academic year in mind at the end of the summer term, along with our sustained collaboration with regional schools on Curriculum roll-out and implications of the new School Improvement Guidance, a decision was made to hold a conference for Leaders/Senior Leaders at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on the 22nd and 23rd of September, 2022. The aim of the 'Inspiring Leadership: Giving our learners the very best experiences' conference was to set a direction for our future work and focus on the support needs of schools in moving forward.

3.0 Matters for consideration

3.1 The main objectives of the conference were as follows:

- Inspiring Leaders
 - How to provide learners with the best experiences
 - Setting a national and local direction
 - Opportunity to influence the direction of the support for schools
 - Collaboration
 - Opportunity to reflect on school/cluster/alliance priorities
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- Sharing practice by international and local experts
- Supporting head teachers' well-being in the next stage
- The role of Estyn in the next stage
- Professional Learning Menu

3.2 Over both days, 541 delegates registered for the conference, including up to two representatives from the region's schools, Local Authority officers and Elected Members, Bangor University and GwE officers.

3.3 Attached is a copy of the programme (Appendix 1) along with the line-up of workshops for the delegates (Appendix 2). Presentations, workshops and discussions with colleagues and guest speakers were of the highest calibre.

4.0 Recommendations

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. GwE will operate within 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 Consultation with usual key stakeholders.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - GwE Conference Programme

9.2 Appendix 2 - Conference workshops

OPINION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

Nothing to add to the report from the perspective of financial propriety.