

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2012
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING
SUBJECT: REGIONAL SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS AND
IMPROVEMENT SERVICE (RSEIS) UPDATES

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To update Members on progress in developing the new Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service has been established to be accountable to, and undertake the statutory responsibilities of the six local North Wales Authorities. The key functions of the new regional service are:

- i) to support local authorities to undertake their statutory functions in relation to school effectiveness;
- ii) to provide support for both LA's and schools in school improvement activity;
- iii) to specifically undertake responsibility for the implementation of the School Effectiveness Framework and the Common Inspection Framework;
- iv) to make provision for the development, maintenance and review of regional frameworks on a commissioned basis;
- v) to provide a centre of expertise for Management Information service and for the management, analysis and interpretation of data; and
- vi) to provide a specialist centre for Education Management matters and an Education Human Resources Service to provide expertise and advice.

2.02 Following consultation in October 2011 with all stakeholders on the Outline Business Case, the Full Business Case was approved by Cabinet in February 2012. The North Wales school improvement approach has been in place since September 2012, with all structures scheduled to be fully operational from 1 April 2013.

2.03 Consortia readiness to deliver school improvement outcomes is currently being assessed by 1505 consultants, commissioned by the Welsh Government. Their findings will influence a national review of structures.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The attached Bulletin provides an update on progress. It is anticipated that the Bulletin will be issued on a monthly basis.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members note the update of the Service.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None directly as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None directly as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None directly as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None directly as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None directly as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None directly as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None directly as a result of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

RSEIS Information Bulletin – November 2012.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

RSEIS – Full Business Case LLOSC Report – 20 February 2012.

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