

Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 th June 2019
Report Subject	Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (GwE)
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council, and Cabinet Member for Education
Report Author	Chief Officer, Education & Youth
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The GwE Annual Report for 2018-19 provides a detailed overview for members of the work of the Regional School Improvement Service over the last year across the North Wales region. It covers a range of areas including standards, provision, the contribution of the service to the national transformation agenda, partnership working and business matters. The appendices to the report provide some specific information related to learner outcomes and standards of education in Flintshire. They also provide an analysis of responses from Flintshire school leaders on their views of the effectiveness of the Regional School Improvement Service which were recently collected through a questionnaire. The main areas for development, identified from the self-evaluation processes undertaken within GwE, are priorities in the Business Plan for 2019-2020.

This Annual Report should also be read in conjunction with the Authority's own self-evaluation report which was presented to members at the last Scrutiny meeting by the Chief Officer for Education and Youth. Officers from GwE worked very closely with Local Authority officers in the development of that report which provided a comprehensive view of the quality of education services in Flintshire and demonstrated the effective partnership working that is being undertaken to support all the Authority's schools on their improvement journey to secure the best outcomes for Flintshire learners.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	The Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to accept the Annual Report from GwE and note the positive impact of the regional service on the standards of education being achieved in Flintshire schools.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE GWE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018-19
1.01	As is stated in the GwE Inter Authority Agreement, GwE will report annually on the performance of the Service in delivering the Service Functions and Key Aims.
1.02	<p>The GwE annual report provides an overview of the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Background and context2. Standards<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of performance- Estyn School Inspection Profile- National Categorisation3. Provision<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum and Assessment- Leadership- Teaching- Wellbeing4. The reform journey<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum Development- Professional Learning- Accountability- Digital- Welsh Language- Additional Learning Needs (ALN)- Assessment and Tracking- G65. Partnership working<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Schools as Learning Organisations- Initial Teacher Education- Research and Evaluation6. Business7. Business Plan Priorities for 2019-20 <p>Also included in the report are several appendices which refer specifically to the support work that has been undertaken in Flintshire schools.</p>

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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no financial implications arising from this report. GwE will operate within the current financial resources.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Regular discussions are held with GwE Management Board which comprises of the Senior Management Team of GwE and the six Chief Education Officers of the North Wales authorities.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Risks related to schools are managed through the appropriate risk management processes both within GwE and within the Local Authority.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GwE Annual Report 2018-19 2. Steve Mumby Report 3. Groups of Learners 4. FCC Self-Evaluation of Outcomes and Standards 5. Leadership Development Programme 6. GwE Accountability Structure 2018-19 7. GwE Service Effectiveness Questionnaire – Primary 8. GwE Service Effectiveness Questionnaire – Secondary

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director Telephone: 01492 806115 E-mail: ArwynThomas@gwegogledd.cymru</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>AoL – Areas of Learning</p> <p>AoLE – Area of Learning Experience</p>

	<p>GwE – Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales</p> <p>OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</p> <p>PDG – Pupil Development Grant</p> <p>SIA – Supporting Improvement Advisers</p>
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