

ERW JOINT COMMITTEE 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

Review of ERW Financial Arrangements

Purpose:

In response to a request at the last meeting, a review paper is attached. The purpose is to draw together key information relating to ERW's financial arrangements and propose a way forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Accept report findings and support actions to enable the region to develop and evolve further and build on its strengths. We are seeking permission to establish to deliver the improvements we need to strengthen the region's confident position will need to progress against all recommendations, but specifically to:

- Instruct the Lead Chief Executive, Section 151 officer and Managing Director and Programme Team to prepare a project plan bringing together the work of evolving the region with all grants by April 2018 and other resources, including staff from September 2018. The Programme Team scope and plan should include the following:
 - To put in place clear plans to secure and maintain effective communication with and engagement of Directors, headteachers throughout the organization and secure consistent implementation of the Business Plan.
 - To clarify, agree and document the respective roles and accountabilities of the LAs and region in relation to all School Improvement functions and services.
 - To develop and cost an organisational delivery model to meet identified priorities, supported by a comprehensive and costed implementation plan.
 - To secure appropriately the current ERW Central Senior Leadership Team and develop strategic and operating capacity.

REASONS:

To enable the region to develop and evolve further and build on its strengths.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ERW JOINT COMMITTEE 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

The review, undertaken following a request from the Chair of the Joint Committee in the July 2017 meeting, collates and analyses the key financial working of the ERW region.

The attached paper discusses the grant delegation arrangements of the consortium as well as the level of reliance on grant funding and any fragility this creates within ERW's system.

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DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance YES	Risk Management Issues YES
<p>1. Finance The recommendations will inherently have impact on the financing of ERW</p>	
<p>2. Risk Management The reasoning behind this paper is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of ERW's school improvement service. Failure to secure these improvements presents a risk to ERW of a slowdown in the pace of improvement.</p>	

CONSULTATIONS

Details of any consultations undertaken are to be included here

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection

