

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM
REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE

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JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE

REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR: Progress Update - 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement Recommendations

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee (from hereon Joint Committee) with a progress update on the proposals for improvement made within the 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members review the information contained within the report and:

- 2.1 Seek clarity and explanation where there are areas of concern.
- 2.2 Form an opinion on the extent of progress that has been made to date in implementing the proposals for improvement reported (**Appendix 1**).

3. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

- 3.1 The Central South Consortium's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) relating to the 2019/20 financial year was reported to and approved by the Joint Committee at its meeting held on 14th September 2020. The document described the governance arrangements in place, challenged their effectiveness and set out proposals for improvement.
- 3.2 The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 made four proposals for improvement and noted that the Consortium's Senior Management Team had

accepted these and was committed to their implementation during 2020/21. At this time, the Senior Management Team also confirmed that an update on progress would be reported to the Joint Committee during the year to enable elected Members to review and scrutinise the extent of progress being made.

- 3.3 In line with the above, the Joint Committee is requested to review the progress up date set out at Appendix 1 and form a view on the extent of progress that has been made to date in implementing the proposals for improvement reported

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 A progress update on the proposals for improvement made within the 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement is set out at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The provision of this information will assist the Joint Committee is assessing the adequacy of the governance arrangements in place for the Central South Consortium.

PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT – PROGRESS UPDATE

Core Principle / Area	Paragraph No.	Issue Identified	Proposal for Improvement	Timescale for Implementation	Responsible Officer	Progress
Ensuring openness and engagement	5.3.12	Build on the work of the independent review of the CSC during 2019/20 to further support decision making arrangements (carry forward from work undertaken during 2019/20)	Finalise the review of the overall governance structure for the CSC to ensure increased engagement in the decision making process from Headteachers across the region in line with the requirements of the revised National Model for Regional Working when published and the recommendations from Joint Committee following the ISOS review	March 2021	Managing Director	Completed Initial Proposals presented to Chief Executives & Directors in August 2020. Formal presentation of proposals to Directors October 2020 and recommendations to Joint Committee for review 18 th November
Defining Outcomes	5.4.6	Further develop Medium Term Service and Financial Planning	Ensure resources are allocated / categorised over Business Plan priorities to demonstrate or otherwise the prioritisation of resources and set out service options in line with indicative funding allocations agreed by Joint Committee.	March 2021	Deputy Managing Director	Completed for core budget Three year funding model agreed with Joint Committee
Developing the capability of entity's	5.7.4	Consortia as a Learning Organisation	Build on the programme of training and support using the information gathered from the	March 2021	Deputy Managing Director	Completed Annual programme of

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leadership and other individuals			Consortia as a Learning Organisation to drive improvement areas and support distributed leadership and ownership of professional learning (taking into account new support requirements / delivery modules as a result of COVID-19).			professional learning for all staff developed.
Managing Risk	5.8.9	Improve reporting framework for performance and information management systems (carry forward from work undertaken during 2019/20)	<p>The CSC should report on a periodic basis, for example annually, its work and performance around Information Management and provide opportunity for review and scrutiny by the Joint Education Committee. This would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIRO schedule should be agreed with RCT CBC; • Update all General Data Protection registers; • Update the Information Sharing Protocols; and • Update all related data retention policies. 	March 2021	Deputy Managing Director	<p>In progress</p> <p>Meeting held with RCT and awaiting confirmation of the role of SIRO i.e. if CSC require our own or if an SLA will cover RCT support. RCT confirmed continuation of support for DPR, Privacy Notices and ISP reviews.</p>

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