Report to Cardiff Partnership Board

5th December 2014

Education Improvement in Cardiff

1. **Purpose of Report**
   - To update the Board on progress in addressing recommendation of Estyn.
   - To identify further ways in which the Partnership can contribute to improvement of educational outcomes.

2. **Key Points**

   2a **What has improved:**

   2014 test and exam results improved on nearly all indicators
   - L2+ up 4%
   - KS2 CSI up 2.6%
   - Free school meal gap narrowed at KS2 and KS4

   **Attendance**

   Primary up to 94.9%
   (Cardiff rank position up from 11 to 7)
   Secondary up 1% to 93.80 rank 10

   **Exclusions**

   Fixed Term exclusions continue to fall
   3 permanent exclusions in 13 – 14, as in 12 – 13

   **NEETs**

   Confirmed data released 15th December. Indications are that Cardiff target for Yll leavers not in EET of 4.5% will be met (4.9% in 12 – 13)

   **Strategy for Improvement**

   - Schools-led strategy now developing strongly in the region through Central South Challenge
   - Central South Consortium now with stronger management, governance and focus.
2b  **Not Improving at expected rate**

- L2 and Level 1 attainment overall
- Number of pupils leaving with no qualification
- Four secondary schools significantly below target: Warning Notices issued Whitchurch, Llanishen, Michaelston/Glyn Derw Federation, Eastern High
- Small number of schools – primary and secondary - with high fixed term exclusions
- Attainment of Looked After Children

3. **Issues for consideration by Partnership Board**

- To maximise the resources collectively available to enable prevention and early intervention in relation to children and young people at risk.
- To develop forms of school governance which harness the creative and cultural “capital” of Cardiff in developing innovative and excellent schools.
- To continue to work across institutional boundaries to prevent radicalisation and/or exploitation of vulnerable young people.


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**Appendix**

A.  **Review of Progress in addressing Estyn recommendations October 2014**

B.  **Standards and Provision in Cardiff Schools 2013 - 2014**