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Subject: ELC - LA data progress report
Attachments: ELC JDB – [0] – 2019JUN25 – Paper 0403 – delivery progress

Hi Colin,

Thanks for the chat just now.

As discussed please find attached the report we are looking to publish on the LA progress data and sorry for adding to your massive reading list!

Grateful for your views on if we need to make Parliament aware of this or if we can go ahead and publish ourselves. We don't plan on doing any proactive comms on this and reactive lines are being drawn up. [Redacted]

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: PfG - delivery story gaps - Action required noon Monday 15 July

Hi [Redacted],
I'm working with [Redacted] on the PfG team. Could we have a chat this week about the issues raised in below email from Alison about the data on delivery? Looks like Thurs afternoon may work for both of you if that's OK?
In meantime, can you let me know if you have a date for publication of the Improvement Service report on delivery progress?
Many thanks,

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Hi [Redacted]

[Redacted]
The Improvement Service, which collects and analyses the data on our behalf, is in the closing stages of preparing a national level report on delivery progress which will be published over the summer (we're receiving requests from this from MSPs, and they know we have the data, so it will need to be in the public domain before PfG).

[Redacted]

The next formal progress data collection from authorities covers the period to 30 September, so will obviously be too late for PfG.

We'd obviously like to reflect the latest possible position in PfG, but there will be a careful balance to be struck between using the most robust and the most recent

indicators (the info we collect through the biannual formal collections should be more robust than the August indicators). We should be able to give sufficiently reliable figures at national level in the second half of August in any case, but I'd suggest that it would be worth PfG team arranging a conversation with our delivery assurance team to chat through what level of detail would be desirable and what the sign off deadlines are for the final document to allow us to reach a sensible position on what to reflect.

[Redacted]

I'm adding [Redacted] from our delivery assurance team, who will be able to respond to any follow up points from the PfG team on this while [redacted and I are on leave next week, and who also would be the key people for a meeting with the PfG team. [Redacted] will also be the first point of contact for any follow up on the capital programme in relation to the climate emergency commission in our absence.

Thanks

Alison

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[Redacted], [Redacted], Alison, [Redacted],

Please see my email below. I'd be grateful for a repose by noon Monday 15 July.

[Redacted] please confirm FWES have gone via Angus.

[Redacted] / Alison – can you please pick up DFMES query below.

Thank you

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Subject: ELC Delivery Update Report for Publication

Attachments: Delivery progress report publication final.docx; ELC Delivery Progress Report – Period
2 JDB v6.docx

PS/DFM and PS/Minister for Children and Young People

We've been working with the Improvement Service and COSLA to finalise the second ELC progress, and have just secured agreement from COSLA this afternoon. We would recommend that this is published by the Improvement Service next week if possible, and so an early view would be helpful.

Thanks,

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PLANNED PUBLICATION OF THE JUNE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE EXPANSION DELIVERY PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose

1. To update you on plans to publish a national-level summary of the Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Delivery Progress report presented to the Joint Delivery Board (JDB) in June.

Priority

2. Routine. Officials plan to publish the report in w/c 30 July, and so it would be helpful to have a response in advance of this.

Background

3. A national summary of the first Delivery Progress report presented to the JDB was proactively published in December 2018, and following the June JDB meeting officials are now making preparation to publish a second such national summary. In line with the previous publication, our intention is to publish the report analysis, but not all of the annexes produced by the Improvement Service to accompany it, as these contain individual local authority data.
4. We expect that there will be political and sectoral interest in this report. Tavish Scott has asked the Improvement Service for a copy of the report, and Alex Cole-Hamilton has already asked a PQ (due 7 August) about workforce data included in the report. Key messages likely to be identified from the report include;

[redacted]

Handling

5. It is planned that the report will be published on the Improvement Service website in w/c 30 July, and the PQ will be answered, referring to the report shortly after this.
6. Officials have been considering lines for media handling, both in general terms, and in relation to some of the specific issues raised [Redacted]. When the report is published, we will draft lines responding to the particular queries raised, but would propose a tone as set out below;

"We welcome this report setting out further evidence of progress by local authorities in preparing to nearly double funded ELC for 3, 4 and eligible 2 year olds from August 2020."

We know that local authorities are working incredibly hard with their local partners to prepare for August 2020, including in many cases phasing in the extra hours early to ensure systems are ready."

Through the Joint Delivery Board the Scottish Government and local government will continue to monitor progress and ensure support is provided to enable local authorities deliver our shared commitment to the increased entitlement."

Recommendation

7. You are invited to note the intention to publish the JDB report in w/c 30 July, and the proposed handling approach.

[Redacted]

ELC Delivery Assurance Team

DATE

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