

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE

25TH OCTOBER 2022

JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR: PROPOSED ANNUAL MONITORING & REPORTING CYCLE 2022 - 2023

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with a proposed cycle of monitoring and reporting the work of CSC during 2022 – 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Consider and approve the proposed monitoring cycle; and
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any areas of the work of Central South Consortium Members would like to see included within the annual reports

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Central South Consortium produces a variety of reports for several different stakeholders and audiences throughout the year. Following a review of reporting processes within CSC, Professor Caroline Daly¹ worked with members of the executive leadership team in CSC, members of the management board, headteacher and governor stakeholder governance groups and CSC staff to consider how this reporting could be improved.
- 3.2 Following a series of workshops and discussions with stakeholders, CSC have developed a proposed reporting cycle for consideration by Members, which address the following:
 - Shared understanding of the purposes of evaluation
 - Shared language to discuss evaluation and impact
 - Development of a Framework for Evaluation (Appendix A, pg. 3)
 - Revised Monitoring and Reporting Framework (Appendix B, pg. 4)

¹ Professor of Teacher Education, Director of Centre for Teachers, and Teaching Research, UCL

4. IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED MONITORING & REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

CSC would produce two annual reports:

4.1 Annual Academic Year Scrutiny Report presented to Members of the Joint Committee in December each year and once approved by Members, would be presented to the LA Scrutiny Committees in the Spring Term. Each LA Scrutiny Committee would receive a regional overview as well as an individual appendix on the work in their LA.

4.2 Annual Financial Year Report presented to Members of the Joint Committee in June each year.

The proposed annual reports would replace the previous annual Effectiveness and Efficiency Report as well as the annual LA Scrutiny Reports.

Progress with the CSC Business Plan and specific LA priorities would be provided twice per year (in December and June).

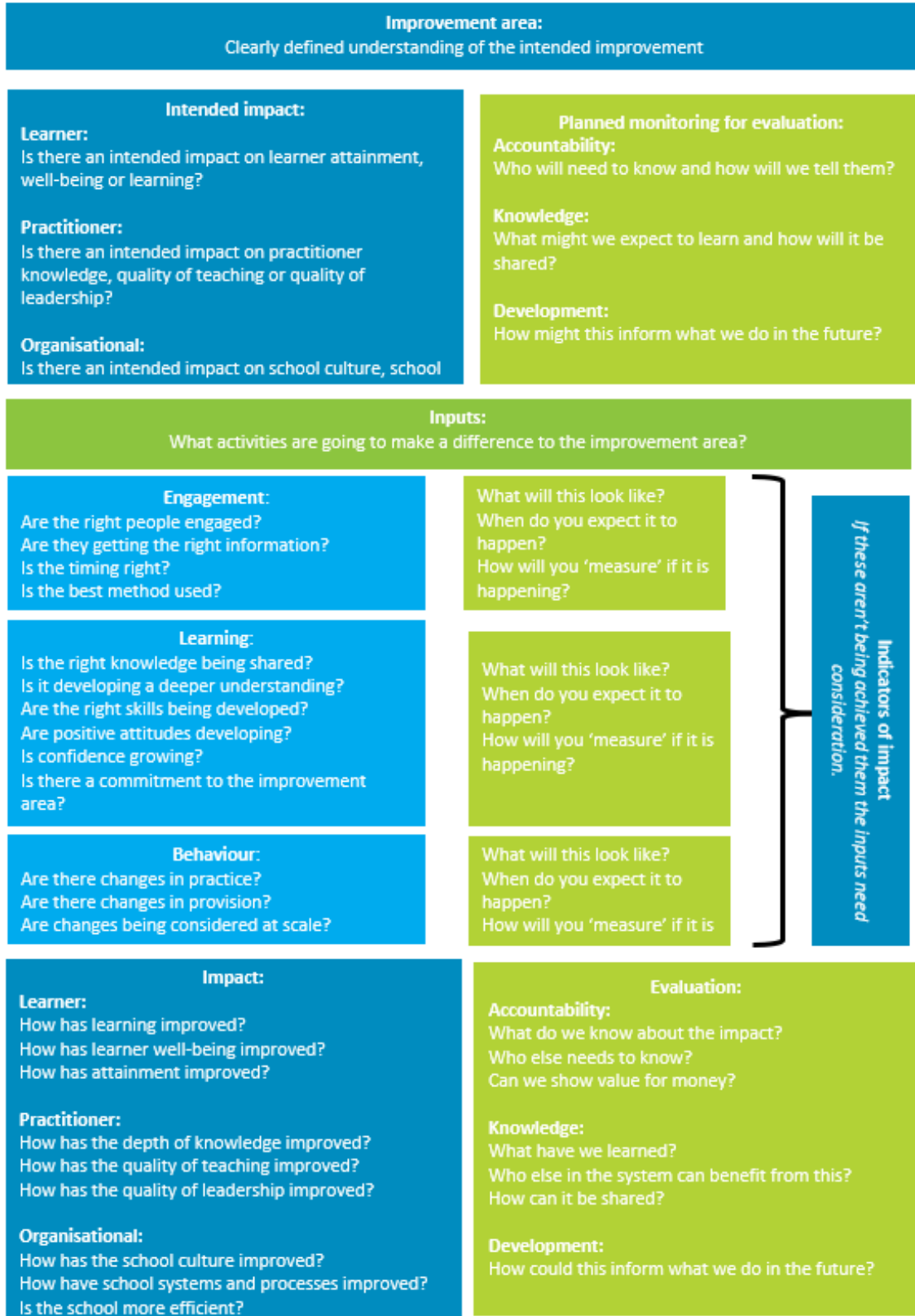
5. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed changes to the monitoring and reporting cycle would ensure stakeholders are receiving updates in a timely manner and processes will be embedded to ensure effective data capture is in place.

The proposals are sustainable, and work will continue with governance groups to ensure the information presented meets the needs of the various audiences.

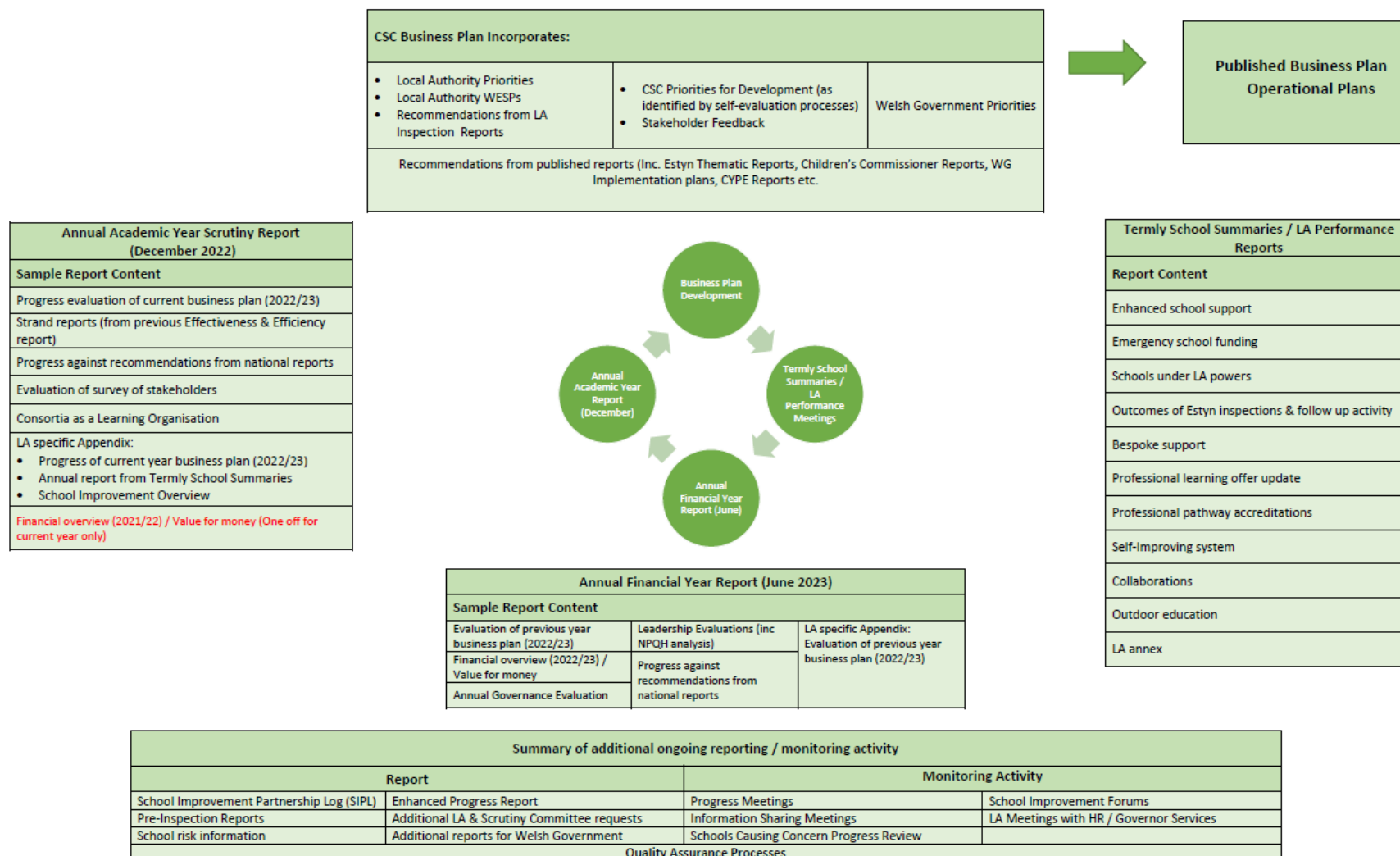
There is a greater understanding of the purpose of evaluation across the region and adoption of the evaluation framework will provide improved use of evaluation for knowledge and development as well as for accountability.

APPENDIX A: CSC FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATION



APPENDIX B: PROPOSED MONITORING & REPORTING FRAMEWORK

External Monitoring & Reporting 2022/ 2025 (Draft for consultation)



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List of background papers

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