

## Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday 25 April 2022
Paper Title	Covid-19 Student Funding 2021-22
Agenda Item	8
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Responsible Officer	Martin Boyle, Executive Director
Status	Disclosable
Action	For noting

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1.** The attached report confirms notification to board of the distribution of additional student funding to the Glasgow colleges for the Academic Year 2021-22.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1.** The Board is asked to **note** the allocation of the additional student funding to each college in Glasgow for 2021-22.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The SFC announcement was issued on 14 February 2022. Full details are available via the following link:

<https://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/announcements/2022/SFCAN012022.aspx>

### 4. Delegated Decision

- 4.1. Under the scheme of delegation, the Board Chair may decide, in consultation with the Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee, whether a decision on allocation of the additional funds may be made by the Executive Director, or the Performance & Resources Committee, or referred to the full Board. The Board Chair determined that the allocation (at section 5 below) was a non-contentious additional funding allocation that was supported by the three college principals. The funds are also time specific and designed to provide support to students in this academic year. The Board Chair therefore approved that the additional student funds are allocated in proportion to the distribution of core student funds.

### 5. Additional Allocation AY 2021-22

- 5.1. The Scottish Funding Council has provided an additional £1,306,116 of student funding to the Glasgow college region for 2021-22. This consists of £614,643 of discretionary funding and £691,473 to address digital poverty.
- 5.2. The funds can be used to “...address student hardship and to allocate digital equipment (e.g. laptops and connectivity devices) to students, in order to address digital poverty.” The supporting guidance, provided by SFC, also provides “...the flexibility to vire between the...categories of funding and can use these funds to best meet student demand within their own institutions”.
- 5.3. The SFC has allocated the funds to colleges/college regions based upon their share of student support funding in 2021-22.
- 5.4. Under the scheme of delegation, the GCRB Executive Director has determined that the allocation to the Glasgow colleges should also be on the basis of the respective share of student funds for 2021-22. As a result, the following allocations have been made:

College	%	Discretionary Funding AY 2021-22 (£)	Digital Allocation AY 2021-22 (£)	Total additional repurposed funding for AY 2021-22 (£)
City of Glasgow College	38.51	236,699	266,286	502,985
Glasgow Clyde College	39.28	241,432	271,611	513,043
Glasgow Kelvin College	22.21	136,512	153,576	290,088
<b>Total</b>	100.00	<b>614,643</b>	<b>691,473</b>	<b>1,306,116</b>

- 5.5. The funding is being paid by SFC in March 2022 and will be transferred, to the Glasgow colleges, on the same day that the funding is received by GCRB.

**6. Risk and Compliance Analysis**

**6.1.** The provision of additional funding supports 'learners achieve positive outcomes' (Risk 007).

**6.2.** There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

**7. Financial Implications**

**7.1.** The financial implications are set out in the body of the report.

**8. Equalities Implications**

**8.1.** The provision of additional student funding enables colleges to support students in greatest need. This funding can be used to address poverty and digital exclusion.

**9. Learner Implications**

**9.1.** The additional funding provides direct funding support to students with the greatest need in AY 2021-22.