

## Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday 25 April 2022
Paper Title	Colleges as Drivers of Economic Regeneration: ERG Presentation
Agenda Item	10
Paper Number	BM5-E
Responsible Officer	Martin Boyle, Executive Director
Status	Disclosable
Action	For Decision

### 1. Executive Summary

**1.1** Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB), via its Chair and Executive Director, in conjunction with the Chairs and Principals of the assigned Glasgow colleges, have held information-sharing and development sessions with the Economic Recovery Group<sup>1</sup>, a partnership which has been funded by College Development Network.

**1.2** The objectives of the project work are:

- Work with college regions to understand their role in supporting regional economic recovery and shaping economic renewal
- Facilitate college-led engagement with Regional Economic Partnerships to highlight and promote colleges' role in design and delivery of Regional Economic Strategies
- Support colleges to develop impact-focused action plans for their engagement in delivery of regional economic recovery and renewal
- Work with CDN to develop sector-wide best practice knowledge sharing, case studies, learning and leadership development

**1.3** Lead members of the Economic Recovery Group have been invited to present to board an overview of their national work to date and to facilitate a discussion on progressing Glasgow-focused regional work in support of the Glasgow college system, its learners and communities.

### 2. Recommendations

**2.1** Board is invited to **note** the progress of work to date, and the contents of the Economic Recovery Group presentation, and **approve** formal adoption of partnership with ERG to progress this work for the Glasgow region.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdn.ac.uk/economic-recovery-group/>

### **3. Risk and Compliance Analysis**

- 3.1** The work of the Economic Recovery Group is directly intended to address and mitigate against the following GCRB risks:

Risk 2: GCRB does not develop/maintain effective working relationships with key external stakeholders

Risk 4: Opportunities to deliver regional strategy are missed/not resourced appropriately

Risk 6: Ineffective regional curriculum planning impacts regional, economic and social needs

Risk 10: Ineffective collaboration between all partners in the Glasgow college region reduces our collective impact

### **4. Financial and Resource Analysis**

- 4.1** In the first instance there are no additional financial and resource implications, though in development it may be decided that this work meets developed outcomes of the Programme of Action strategic fund.

### **5. Equalities Implications**

- 5.1** There are no additional equalities implications at this time.

### **6. Learner Implications**

- 6.1** Effective, coherent and coordinated responses to current economic conditions will be important to ensure that learners have the very best opportunity of progressing to employment, and making the most of college-led opportunities. This, in turn, delivers a positive impact on the wider regional economy.