

Draft Minute of the Performance and Resources Committee held on Tuesday 12 April 2022

Present	
Moira Connolly (Chair)	Sheila Meikle
David Brown	Paul Smart
In Attendance	
Martin Boyle (Executive Director)	Wendy Odedina (Executive Assistant)
Jim Godfrey (Finance and Resources Director)	Derek Smeall (Principal, Glasgow Kelvin College)
Marianne Philp (Interim Board Secretary)	Jon Vincent (Principal Glasgow Clyde College)
Paul Little (Principal, City of Glasgow College)	
Apologies	
Penny Davis (Board Secretary)	Paul Buchanan
Janie McCusker (Board Chair)	Johanna Thompson
Anwulika Umeh (Co-opted Member)	

1. Introduction and Welcome

Paper Number: Verbal

1.1 Discussion

The Chair welcomed members and attendees, and thanked them for accommodating this additional meeting of the committee.

2. Apologies

Paper Number: Verbal

2.1 Decision

Apologies were received for Paul Buchanan, Johanna Thompson, Janie McCusker and Anwulika Umeh.

3. Declarations of Interest

Paper Number: Verbal

3.1 Decision

The Chair reminded members that it is their personal responsibility to indicate to the Chair at any point during the meeting if they have, or may be perceived as having, a conflict of interest under any item on the agenda.

4. Indicative Funding Allocation 2022-23

Paper Number: PRC5-A

4.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director provided an introduction to the paper setting out the context and timeline of the funding allocation.

The Committee considered Foundation Apprenticeships and the rationale for some regions receiving an additional 1% allocation. Members noted the stretch targets for this year which had been developed in consultation with College Vice Principals, and had been achieved after discussion with SFC. It was noted that a meeting of a regional FA steering group had been arranged for late April to continue discussions on this allocation.

The Committee discussed the Young Person Guarantee funding stream and the request to increase the target for City of Glasgow College in particular. The Executive Director confirmed that the SFC was well aware of the request from Glasgow and that he would continue to actively pursue this.

The Committee reviewed the student support funding and the proposal to allocate some of this funding in year to allow for an in-year regional reallocation and help avoid any monies being paid back to SFC for reallocation. It was noted that this funding stream does not affect college financial sustainability as it is passed directly to students.

The GCRB running costs and Programme of Action costs were queried. The Executive Director noted that GCRB running costs are still below the expected level set out by the Scottish Government nearly a decade ago. He noted that projects within the Programme of Action are collaborative projects that benefit the students of Glasgow and are often paid directly to the colleges, such as ESOL and Bridge to Business. These projects can leverage additional funding, such as Action for Children, and meet agreed regional strategic needs while ensuring that the agreed strategic activity set out by board is delivered.

Capital funding allocations were discussed and members were reminded that this funding was provided to address backlog maintenance identified with the previous National Condition Survey. The Principals spoke of the difficulties arising from a lack of funding available to upgrade digital infrastructure.

College Principals expressed concern that the funding allocation would result in deficits for the Colleges, and would result in difficult decisions having to be made.

GCRB undertook, as always, to ensure that funding allocations were provided to colleges in a timely fashion while ensuring appropriate governance and process is met.

4.2 Decision

The Committee:

- **noted** the Indicative Funding Allocations for 2022-23 issued by the SFC on Thursday, 24 March 2022.
- **determined**, the indicative funding allocations for 2022-23, and

- **requested** that the indicative allocations for 2022-23 are considered by the Board at its next meeting.
- **requested** that the final allocations, including proposals for student funding and foundation apprenticeships, are brought forward to the next meeting of this Committee; and
- **requested** that Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Clyde College provide their indicative capital plans 2022-23 to the GCRB Finance and Resources Director.

5. Review of Disclosable Status

Paper Number: Verbal

5.1 Decision

The Interim Board Secretary confirmed that the one paper for this meeting is non-disclosable.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Paper Number: Verbal

6.1 Decision

The date of the next meeting was **agreed** as 8 June 2022.