
Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday 20 June 2022
Paper Title	Decision via Scheme of Delegation
Agenda Item	8
Paper Number	BM6-E
Responsible Officer	Martin Boyle, Executive Director
Status	Disclosable
Action	For noting

1. Executive Summary

1.1 As part of Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board ongoing discussion with Scottish Funding Council to achieve additional funding opportunities for the Glasgow college region, additional credits for the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) scheme have been achieved.

1.2 This paper is intended to notify the board of the distribution of additional funding in young person's guarantee for 2021-22, with the distribution having been made under the scheme of delegation to the Executive Director and agreed with the assigned colleges and the GCRB Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is invited to **note** the additional allocation of 3,372 credits, and £1,046,656 of funding, to City of Glasgow College in respect of Young Person's Guarantee for 2021-22.

3. Background

- 3.1.** Under the procedure for the delegation of decision-making powers approved by the Board in June 2021, the board chair may decide, in consultation with the chair of the Performance and Resources Committee, whether a decision on allocation of additional SFC funds may be made by the executive director, or the Performance & Resources Committee, or referred to the full Board.
- 3.2.** In line with the agreed procedure, the board was notified by email of the executive director's decision, and both the board and the Performance and Resources Committee are invited to note and record the decisions at their next meeting.
- 3.3** A more detailed report on each of the funding allocations has been saved onto BoardEffect for Members' reference as follows:

<https://gcrb.boardeffect.com/downloads/vfile/1209041>
- 3.4** A summary of the funds' purposes and decisions made is provided below.

4. Young Person's Guarantee

- 4.1.** The background to the fund is provided in the original SFC publication, a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/guidance/2021/SFCGD252021.aspx>
- 4.2.** The following summary was provided:

"In AY 2021-22, the £70 million Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) programme aims to give all young people the chance to succeed despite the economic impacts of COVID-19, while also ensuring employers continue to benefit from the fresh talent and new perspectives that young people bring to workplaces across Scotland. Building on activity delivered in early 2021, £10 million is available to colleges across Scotland in AY 2021-22 to continue providing targeted and tailored training to meet the needs of young people in each region. Separate to this funding an additional £3.5 million is targeted at a University Graduate Internship Programme."
- 4.3.** On 23 May 2022, the SFC published a revised funding allocation including the distribution of additional credit funding for Glasgow. A link to the revised allocation is provided below:

<https://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/guidance/2021/SFCGD252021.aspx>

4.4. The following funding is therefore available to allocate within the Glasgow region:

	Credits	Credit Funding	Student Funding	Development Funding
Original allocation ¹	372	£103,391	£48,420	£13,313
Additional allocation	3,000	£881,532	£0	£0
Total	3,372	£984,923	£48,420	£13,313

4.5. The GCRB executive director has consulted with the assigned college principals with regard to the potential for delivering additional activity in 2021-22. Following feedback received, it is evident that only City of Glasgow College is able to deliver additional activity, so this is deemed a non-contentious allocation under the scheme of delegation.

4.6. As a result, it is recommended that a total of 3,372 credits and £1,046,656 of funding is allocated to City of Glasgow College.

4.7. It is noted that City of Glasgow College is liable for the full and thorough recording and reporting of activity under this scheme as part of the agreement to proceed, and that reporting will be to GCRB for forward sharing with SFC.

5. Risk and Compliance Analysis

5.1. A risk facing the Glasgow Region is that “Financial sustainability is jeopardised by a reduction in income and/or an increase in costs.” (Risk 008). The additional funding helps mitigate the risk.

5.2. There are no legal implications associated with this paper.

6. Resource Implications

6.1. The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

7. Equalities Implications

7.1. The provision of this funding supports the Scottish Government’s commitment to providing opportunities for young persons to jobs, apprenticeships, training or volunteering.

8. Learner Implications

8.1. The provision of additional funding for 2021-22 provides the resources to support the Scottish Government policy of providing the young person’s guarantee.

¹ The Glasgow college region was provided with funding for 7,372 credits in October 2021. The original distribution by GCRB was 7,000 credits and therefore 372 credits can now be allocated.