

Draft Minute of the Performance and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 8 June 2022

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

1. Introduction and Welcome

Paper Number: Verbal

1.1 Discussion

The Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting. Jeanette Evans, Vice Principal Operations Glasgow Kelvin College, was deputising for Derek Smeall, and was welcomed.

It was noted that this was the last meeting for Paul Buchanan and Johanna Thompson and thanks were expressed for their valuable contributions to the work of the Committee.

2. Apologies

Paper Number: Verbal

2.1 Decision

Apologies were received for Janie McCusker, Derek Smeall, Sheila Meikle 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. Chair's Business

Paper Number: Verbal

4.1 Discussion

The Chair advised that since the last meeting she had attended the Board meeting and Committee Chair's meeting.

5. Minutes of the Committee Meetings

Paper Number: PRC6-A and PRC6-B

5.1 Decision

The minutes of the Committee meetings held on 16 March 2022 and 12 April 2022 were **approved** as an accurate record.

6. Decision via Scheme of Delegation

Paper Number: PRC6-C

6.1 Discussion

It was noted that the Executive Director had met with the three Colleges and that the decision to award the funding for Young Person's Guarantee to City of Glasgow College as recommended within the paper had been agreed by all. As per the process that had been agreed at a previous Board meeting, a decision had been agreed under the Scheme of Delegation to make the award.

6.2 Decision

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.

7. Capital Funding 2021-22

Paper Number: PRC6-D

7.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the report on Capital Funding for 2021-22 and confirmed that information from Glasgow Clyde College had now also been received.

7.2 Decision

To **note** the progress made by the colleges in respect of the capital projects in the financial year 2021-22.

8. FWDF Progress Report 2021-22

Paper Number: PRC6-E

8.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the FWDF Progress Report for 2021-22.

8.2 Decision

To **note** the position.

9. GCRB Costs for 2021-22

Paper Number: PRC6-F

9.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the report on GCRB costs for 2021-22.

9.2 Decision

To **note** the progress made against the GCRB Budget for 2021-22.

10. Student Funding Review 2021-22

Paper Number: PRC6-G

10.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the report on Student Funding Review 2021-22 and explained that this was work in progress and would inform future decisions.

An update was given on the work of a short-life working group which was looking at how to ensure the equity of funding allocations made to students across the three colleges within the region. It was noted that the last two years were not “normal” due to the pandemic situation, and that a “normal” year would be required before clear recommendations could be made. It was suggested that allocations for 2022-23 (to be discussed later in the meeting) should be made on the same basis as for 2021-22 and that an in-year reallocation could be utilised to ensure the needs of the region were being met. The Finance and Resources Director highlighted that this was a complex issue and there were inconsistencies nationally as well as regionally and that time would be needed to gather information and reach conclusions.

10.2 Decision

To **note** the progress made to date.

11. Outcome Agreement Progress Report 2021-22

Paper Number: PRC6-H

11.1 Discussion

The Executive Director presented the report on Outcome Agreement Progress for 2021-22.

11.2 Decision

To note current progress towards delivery of the region's Outcome Agreement 2021-22.

12. Outcome Agreement 2022-23

Paper Number: PRC6-I

12.1 Discussion

The Executive Director presented the draft Outcome Agreement Progress for 2022-23, noting that KPIs required to be added once guidance had been issued by SFC. The draft had previously been shared with Board members and colleagues across the three Colleges and the draft reflected the feedback that had been received.

12.2 Decision

To **note** the content of this report, including the proposed Outcome Agreement 2022-23 and associated Programme of Action, and note its interim position pending further development. To **note** that the work on Key Performance Indicators is on-going at this stage and subject to further development.

13. Final Funding Allocations for 2022-23

Paper Number: PRC6-J

13.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the report on final funding allocations for 2022-23. Attention was drawn to three specific points within the paper: Foundation Apprenticeships; Student Activity; and Student Support Funding.

It was noted that the Foundation Apprenticeships had been discussed by GCRB and the three colleges and the agreement reached by all was reflected within the paper.

A late change had been notified by SFC relating to student activity, which had not been notified to GCRB before being announced. Clarification had been sought on this from GCRB. The Principal of City of Glasgow College explained that this had been a long-standing issue where by the College had been paid less per credit than others within the sector. A reduction of 3000 credits had been agreed with the same funding level in order to support the College with its financial position, and was an interim supportive solution. It was noted that two other Colleges outwith the region had been offered a similar solution.

Committee members thanked the Principal for his clear and helpful explanation, and expressed concern that this decision had been made without discussion with GCRB, and agreed that they could not make a final allocation until the workings were shared by SFC and understood by Board members. It was noted that the SFC had made a commitment to look at its funding model in order to address inconsistencies in funding throughout the sector. Board members confirmed that it wished to ensure that an equitable approach was being taken for the region overall.

There was a discussion about the reduction in funding for mental health support. The Principals confirmed that there continued to be huge demand for support for students, and expressed concern about this. There was also a discussion about growth funding that had been made available to some colleges and without consultation. These issues would be taken up with SFC by GCRB Executive Director in the first instance.

The discussion earlier in the meeting relating to Student Funding allocations was noted.

13.2 Decisions

- To **note** the final funding allocations for 2022-23 issued by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) on Thursday, 26 May 2022.
- To **note** that further work will take place to finalise the allocation of credit targets within the regional outcome agreement 2022-23.
- To **recommend approval** to the Board the funding allocations as set out within the paper for 2022-23, noting that the 3000 reduction in credits allocated to City of Glasgow College required further explanation from SFC on the rationale prior to being confirmed by GCRB.
- To **endorse** the work being undertaken by the short life working group on equity of student support funding, awarding allocations as previous years and reviewing this in-year to allow for any reallocations that may be required.

14. College Capital Plans 2022-23

Paper Number: PRC6-K

14.1 Discussion

The Finances and Resources Director presented the report on College Capital Plans for 2022-23.

It was confirmed that allocations for capital funding were based on a National Condition Survey published in 2017. Whilst Colleges were extremely grateful for any funding made available to them, college representatives expressed the view that the pot of money available was insufficient to meet the needs of the sector overall. The committee also discussed the need for investment in IT and other equipment.

Members suggested that a discussion about capital funding and innovative approaches that could be considered be taken to a future Board meeting.

14.2 Decisions

To **note** the capital plans of Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Clyde College for 2022-23.

To **recommend** that the Board discusses capital funding and innovative approaches that could be considered for the region at a future meeting.

15. GCRB Budget 2022-23

Paper Number: PRC6-L

15.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the report on the GCRB budget for 2022-23. One change was highlighted and it was confirmed that this had also been included in the allocation paper previously discussed.

15.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the paper and that the GCRB Budget 2022-23 would be presented to the board for approval.

16. Long Term Agenda

Paper Number: PRC6-M

16.1 Decision

The Committee **agreed** the long-term agenda.

17. Review of Disclosable Status

Paper Number: Verbal

17.1 Decision

The Interim Board Secretary confirmed the disclosable status of each of the papers.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Paper Number: Verbal

18.1 Decision

The date of the next meeting was **agreed** as September 2022. It was **noted** that the Board calendar for 2022-23 meetings would be presented at the Board meeting.