

## Performance and Resources Committee Meeting

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Paper Title	Developing regional approaches to student data management
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Action	For noting

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1** To provide members of the Committee with a further update on the development of regional approaches to student data management.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee is invited to **note** that the Glasgow Colleges Group are continuing to finalise a paper outlining how they will progress actions to meet agreed regional strategic objectives related to student data management, and **request** that this paper is considered at a future meeting of the Committee or GCRB Board.

### 3. Update on the development of regional approaches to student data management

- 3.1** At its meeting on May 22, 2017, the GCRB Board approved a regional strategic plan and requested that operational objectives are developed in support of its strategic goals. Following regional discussions, a set of high level key objectives was agreed and within these, a key objective is to:

*“Develop a regional approach to student data management to support the quality and impact of this information on services provided to learners and stakeholders, supporting improved learner outcomes. This work will support the development of a regional admissions system, which provides learners with access to, and progression within, the full regional curriculum.”*

- 3.2** Members will recall that Committee meetings in 2017-18 considered reports relating to the re-procurement of college student data systems and the potential opportunities for this to widen learner choice and seamless learner journeys across the Glasgow College Region, alongside delivering more effective regional curriculum planning and monitoring,

- 3.3** At the previous meeting of the Committee meeting, following discussion of the colleges' intention to procure separate MIS systems, members requested greater clarity and assurance from the colleges as to how regional strategic aims will be progressed before any further procurement action is taken. GCRB had previously provided the colleges with a summary of the regional strategic priorities (attached as Annex A).
- 3.4** Since the June Committee meeting, the matter has been discussed at Glasgow Colleges on a number of occasions, with GCRB present at these meetings.
- 3.5** In addition, the colleges have received new procurement advice which has required further consideration with regard to the options which represent best value to the public purse.
- 3.6** It was intended that the colleges' paper would be provided at this meeting of the Performance and Resources Committee. However, the colleges' paper has yet to be finalised and therefore it will be provided at a future meeting of the Committee or GCRB Board.

#### **4. Risk assessment**

- 4.1** The development of a regional approach to student data management is intended to reduce the likelihood and impact of the following GCRB identified risks:
- *a failure to effectively plan/monitor our educational delivery results in the curriculum not meeting regional economic and social needs; and*
  - *failure to achieve the targets set out in the Regional Outcome Agreement lessens our ability to meet regional needs.*
  - *opportunities are missed/not resourced appropriately and the potential to add value via the strategic plan is overlooked;*

#### **5. Equalities Implications**

- 5.1** No equalities implications are identified at present.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1** No significant legal implications are identified in relation to the specification and procurement exercise. However, the implementation of new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will continue to impact on regional data management.

#### **7. Resource Implications**

- 7.1** There may be resource requirements related to the technical development of regional systems in the context of separate college MIS systems. These resource needs will be identified during the agreement of future regional development plans.

#### **8. Strategic Plan Implications**

- 8.1** Annex A sets out regional strategic priorities which will be supported by the development of regional approaches to student data management.

## **Annex A: Regional strategic goals for student data arrangements**

### **1. Widening Access and Learner Choice**

We will enhance learner choice and provide learners with access to the full regional curriculum. We will promote regional curriculum pathways and increased access to the course offers across the three Glasgow colleges (e.g. by linking college application processes with regional curriculum maps).

### **2. Creating Seamless Learner Journeys**

We will support more efficient learner journeys, including seamless inter-college progression. Flexible learning pathways across the region will support successful progression, with learning records transferring with students if they move from college to college within Glasgow. We will also enable opportunities for further regional collaboration on areas such as admissions and student support.

### **3. Improving Data Reporting and Analysis**

We will support and inform curriculum planning and delivery through high quality data reporting which allows analysis of a single data set at college and regional levels. This will encompass the ability to analyse data relating to in-year and future-year curriculum plans, and provide enhanced reporting and monitoring of student outcomes. We will also encourage greater standardisation of data across the four Glasgow organisations and use of data analytics, particularly to support improved learner outcomes. Enhanced performance monitoring will support a clearer line of sight between outcomes and strategic aims (e.g. through dashboard functionality).