

Draft Minute of the Performance and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 28 May 2024

Present	
Moira Connolly (Chair)	Paul Smart
Caroline Bysh	Sakshi Sircar
In Attendance	
Martin Boyle (Executive Director)	Janie McCusker (Board Chair)
Penny Davis (Board Secretary)	Derek Smeall (Principal, Glasgow Kelvin College)
Jim Godfrey (Finance and Resources Director)	Jon Vincent (Principal, Glasgow Clyde College)
Wendy Odedina (Executive Assistant)	Sheila Lodge (Depute Principal, COGC)
Apologies	
Darren Pirie	Sonique Noreiga
Sheila Meikle	Anwulika Umeh (Co-opted Member)
Jill Montgomery	

1. Introduction and Welcome

Paper Number: Verbal

1.1 Discussion

The Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting, particularly new member Caroline Bysh, noting that other new committee members Darren Pirie and Jill Montgomery were unable to attend this meeting.

The Chair referred to the recent Ministerial announcement and asked the Executive Director to speak to this matter.

The Executive Director noted the announcement of the Minister for HE and FE on 16 May of his intention to dissolve GCRB and seek a new collaborative arrangement in Glasgow. He noted that a consultation will launch in coming weeks and it will run for 12 weeks. He highlighted the Minister’s comments that change of this magnitude will not happen overnight and emphasised the importance of working with the GCRB Chair, Board, staff, the SFC, the regional college sector, and other stakeholders, during this time. The Executive Director confirmed that it is GCRB’s intention to focus on continuing to deliver the core functions of GCRB noting that priorities and focus will inevitably change through this period.

The Chair noted, with regard to items 11 and 12 on the agenda on funding matters, that the final funding allocation had not yet been received from the SFC and therefore proposed that these papers go directly to the board on 10 June for consideration. She asked that the paper is shared with her as Chair in advance of distribution. The committee confirmed they were content with this approach.

2. Apologies

Paper Number: Verbal

2.1 Decision

Apologies were noted for Darren Pirie, Jill Montgomery, Sheila Meikle, Sonique Noreiga 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 noted the following meetings she had attended since the last meeting of the committee:

- Board chair and committee chairs; and
- Meetings with Scottish Government and college colleagues on mental health. She noted that further information on this would be provided in due course.

5. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17 April 2024

Paper Number: PRC4-A

5.1 Decision

The minute of the Committee meeting held on 17 April 2024 was agreed as an accurate record, subject to the amendment of one typo.

6. Outcome Agreement 2023-24 Progress Report

Paper Number: PRC4-B

6.1 Discussion

The Executive Director presented the paper noting no significant changes since the last meeting of the committee and confirming that on the whole, the region is on track to meet its targets.

He noted that some risk remains with regard to the potential impact of strike action and action short of strike.

6.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the progress of the Glasgow college region on delivery of the Glasgow Region Outcome Agreement 2023-24.

7 Capital Funding 2023-24

Paper Number: PRC4-C

7.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the paper noting an update on capital works at Glasgow Kelvin and Clyde colleges. He confirmed that the majority of work is complete with a small delay at Glasgow Clyde College due to adverse weather.

7.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the progress made by the colleges in respect of the capital projects in the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

8 Flexible Workforce Development Funding 2023-24

Paper Number: verbal

8.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director provided a verbal update confirming the remaining funds to be allocated from this funding stream. He noted that he is confident that these will be drawn down before the end of the year, however if not then GCRB will need to consider how to manage.

8.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the verbal report.

9 GCRB running costs 23-24

Paper Number: PRC4-D

9.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director presented the paper confirming no differences or changes to the budget as previously agreed.

The committee discussed the end of the project on environment and sustainability and their desire for visibility on how this work will be taken forward post July 2024. They noted they would also wish clarity in due course on the future of programme of action projects should GCRB no longer have oversight.

9.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the forecast outturn compared with budget for 2023-24.

10 Planning and Monitoring – Outcome Agreement 2024-25

Paper Number: Verbal

10.1 Discussion

The Executive Director provided a verbal report on planning and monitoring arrangements for 2024-25 following a meeting that had taken place with the SFC earlier that day.

He confirmed the timescales for finishing the 23-24 outcome agreement cycle and the arrangements thereafter to seek to use existing QAA and Education Scotland assurance processes and for bespoke arrangements to be set with institutions. He noted that guidance is anticipated within the next 10 days and that he would share this with the committee and the board as appropriate.

He confirmed this process would have no impact on the approach to funding allocations.

The committee discussed the potential options for the future of reporting in the Glasgow college region and if this would continue on a regional basis or individually as three organisations. The committee discussed the capacity to deliver this work when the current Executive Director leaves post on 2 August, and the Executive Director provided assurance that this would be appropriately managed.

10.2 Decisions

The committee noted the verbal report and that a paper would be presented to the June board meeting.

11 Final Funding Allocation 2024-24

Paper Number: verbal

11.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director noted that as discussed at the outset of the meeting, the final funding allocation has not yet been received from the SFC and therefore this will now go directly to the board on 10 June.

He noted one element of change from the indicative funding allocation approved by the committee and board with regard to student support funding. He noted that a proposed alternative allocation has been suggested and agreed by three colleges and therefore he will propose that this is accepted by the board.

11.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the verbal report.

12 Final GCRB Budget 2024-25

Paper Number: verbal

12.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director noted that the final GCRB budget 24-25 has also been held back pending receipt of the final funding allocation from the SFC.

He highlighted that the indicative budget had been prepared on the basis of GCRB as a going concern. He noted that this approach will remain in the final budget as it is right and proper to handle in this way, as the consultation period on the future of GCRB will still be underway. He confirmed that GCRB may wish to revisit the budget in the new academic year pending the outcome of the consultation.

12.2 Decision

The committee **noted** the verbal report.

13 Student Funding Update

Paper Number: Verbal

13.1 Discussion

It was noted that a paper on this matter was expected to be available for this committee meeting however due to the timings of meetings, this had not yet been received.

13.2 Decision

It was **agreed** to circulate this paper via correspondence when received.

14 Long Term Agenda

Paper Number: PRC4-G

14.1 Decision

The Executive Director presented the long-term agenda noting that, at present, it has been drafted to include the minimum statutory requirements anticipated.

He confirmed that it is subject to change following formal confirmation of the outcome of the consultation on the future of GCRB, and the potential changes that this may mean for the functions of this committee.

15. Review of Disclosable Status

Paper Number: Verbal

15.1 Decision

The Board Secretary confirmed there were no non-disclosable papers from this meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Paper Number: Verbal

16.1 Decision

It was noted that the board calendar will be presented at the board meeting on 10 June.