

Performance and Resources Committee

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Action	For Noting

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report compares actual income, and expenditure, for the academic year against the GCRB budget for 2022-23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to note the actual outturn compared with budget for 2022-23.

3. GCRB Running Costs 2022-23

3.1. The table below provides a summary of forecast income and expenditure for 2021-22. It provides a comparison of half-year position with the budget and latest forecast.

3.2. There are no variances, or changes, compared to the approved budget.

	Month ending 31 August 2022		Revised Forecast 2022-23		Original Budget 2022-23	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income						
Allocated from Regional Grant	41		496		496	
Reallocated from Programme Budget	0		0		0	
Total		41		496		496
Expenditure						
Staffing	27		322		322	
Board Costs	7		94		94	
Audit	3		35		35	
Other	4		45		45	
Total		41		496		496
Surplus/(Deficit)		0		0		0

4. GCRB Programme Costs 2022-23

4.1. The regional Programme of Action is part of the Outcome Agreement for 2022-23. The cost of delivering the programme is detailed in the table below:

	Month ending 31 August 2022		Revised Forecast 2022-23		Original Budget 2022-23	
	£'000	£'000			£'000	£'000
Income						
Allocated from Regional Grant	35		419		419	
SFC Strategic Funding	0		0		0	
Brought forward funding	0		19		26	
Total		35		438		445
Expenditure – Strategic Funding						
Gaelic	0		0		0	
Child Poverty	0		0		0	
		0		0		0
Expenditure						
Action for Children	9		105		112	
Young Enterprise Scotland	1		12		12	
ESOL	8		96		96	
Curriculum/Strategic Plan	0		100		100	
Regional Review	0		20		20	
Mental Health	0		5		5	
Climate Change/Sustainability	5		100		100	
Total		23		438		445
Surplus/(Deficit)		12		0		0

4.2. The following comments are provided in respect of the Programme of Action budget:

Income

- **SFC strategic funding** – there is no strategic funding at present although there is a bid for the Child Poverty project which is under consideration.

Expenditure

- **SFC strategic funding** – expenditure will be incurred if, and when, projects are approved.
- **Action for Children** – the expanded project is progressing well, with the support of additional external funding from this year.
- **Young Enterprise Scotland** – the core project is now funded directly by the Scottish Government. The additional funding, provided by GCRB, supplements the core project.
- **ESOL** – funding continues to be provided by GCRB as in previous years.

- **Curriculum/Strategic Plan** – this project has not yet commenced but is likely to progress following decisions in respect of the regional review.
- **Regional Review** – an amount of £5,000 will be used in September 2022 to engage a consultant in conjunction with the Scottish Funding Council.
- **Mental Health** – there has not been any expenditure so far in this financial year.
- **Climate Change/Sustainability** – expenditure has been incurred on staff costs but there has not been any project expenditure in this financial year.

5. Risk and Compliance Analysis

- 5.1. There are no specific risks, or legal implications, associated with this report. The delivery of the regional programme of action addresses key elements of the strategic plan and mitigates some of the regional risks.

6. Financial and Resource Analysis

- 6.1. The financial implications associated with the financial year 2022-23 are set out in the body of the report.

7. Equalities Implications

- 7.1. The regional programme of action provides support many learners access college who are at risk of exclusion.

8. Learner Implications

- 8.1. The resources utilised for the purpose of GCRB, and the regional Programme of Action, contribute to the achievement of the agreed learner outcomes in 2022-23.