
Performance & Resources Committee Meeting

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Responsible Officer	Jim Godfrey, Finance and Resources Director
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1. Executive Summary

1.1. This report provides an update in respect of the Programme of Action (PoA).

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is recommended to note the:

- Progress of the Programme of Action for 2024-25
- Need for all parties to consider the programme as part of the regional planning arrangements for 2025-26.

3. Report

3.1. The following paragraphs provide a summary of progress regarding the the regional programme of action.

- 3.1.1. **Action for Children** – the project provides support to learners who have experienced care. It has operated successfully across the Glasgow college region for many years. A major benefit of the project is that it draws in additional external funding from the Robertson Trust. The project is funded to 31 July 2025, i.e. the end date for funding from the Glasgow college region and the Robertson Trust.
- 3.1.2. **Bridge 2 Business (Young Enterprise Scotland)** – the core project operated successfully for many years. It was funded until 31 July 2024 by the Scottish Government/Scottish Funding Council. Unfortunately, the project is unable to continue in the current year because of the Scottish Government's decision to withdraw funding. The loss of funding has had major financial implications for Young Enterprise Scotland and resulted in the organisation making significant reductions in the number of staff employed.
- 3.1.3. The core project was supplemented by a small grant (£12,000), which provided support for additional outcomes. With the removal of the core programme, it is no longer possible to deliver the supplementary programme. Discussions have taken place between the GCRB Finance and Resources Director and Chief Operating Officer of Young Enterprise Scotland to understand the situation and what steps might be possible to mitigate this loss of the service. The GCRB budget remains available for 2024-25 to support any interim arrangements.
- 3.1.4. **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** – the project has been co-ordinated by Glasgow Clyde College for many years and has been provided with £96,000 per annum by GCRB. In addition, this year an additional £500,000 has been provided to support additional ESOL provision for the period to 31 March 2025. This valuable programme is expected to continue beyond the current academic year.
- 3.1.5. **Mental Health** – a small budget (£5,000 in 2024-25) was set aside to support this important issue in Glasgow.

4. Risk and Compliance Analysis

- 4.1. There are no legal, or compliance, implications identified in this report.
- 4.2. There are no significant risks in 2024-25. One issue to highlight is that the regional programme of action has been supported by funding via GCRB. Given the uncertainty, regarding the future of GCRB, it is possible that the 2025-26 funding allocation will not be the responsibility of the regional board. It is very important that the services outlined above are considered as part of any transitional arrangements for GCRB.

5. Financial and Resource Analysis

- 5.1. The financial implications of the programme of action are outlined in the report.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1. There are no equalities implications as a direct result of this report.

7. Learner Implications

- 7.1.** The curriculum delivery, supported by these funds, provides support to the achievement of regional ambitions for Glasgow.