

## Performance and Resources Committee

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Responsible Officer	Jim Godfrey, Finance & Resources Director
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### 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 2022-23. It provides a comparison of the position at the end of the first quarter.

3.2. The only variance for running costs is the additional expenditure on interim board secretary costs during the seven months of the year.

	Month ending 28 February 2023		Revised Forecast 2022-23		Original Budget 2022-23	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>						
Allocated from Regional Grant	289		496		496	
Reallocated from Programme Budget	0		0		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>289</b>		<b>496</b>		<b>496</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Staffing	195		334		322	
Board Costs	57		94		94	
Audit	22		35		35	
Other	14		33		45	
<b>Total</b>		<b>288</b>		<b>496</b>		<b>496</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

#### 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 28 February 2023		Revised Forecast 2022-23		Original Budget 2022-23	
	£'000	£'000			£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>						
Allocated from Regional Grant	244		419		419	
SFC Strategic Funding	0		0		0	
Brought forward funding	0		0		26	
<b>Total</b>		<b>244</b>		<b>419</b>		<b>445</b>
<b>Expenditure – Strategic Funding</b>						
Gaelic	0		0		0	
Child Poverty	0		0		0	
		0		0		0
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Action for Children	61		105		112	
Young Enterprise Scotland	7		12		12	
ESOL	56		96		96	
Curriculum/Strategic Plan	0		0		100	
Regional Review	5		5		20	
Mental Health	0		5		5	
Climate Change/Sustainability	47		80		100	
<b>Total</b>		<b>176</b>		<b>303</b>		<b>445</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>68</b>		<b>116</b>		<b>0</b>

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

##### Income

- **Scottish Funding Council (SFC) strategic funding** – there is no strategic funding at present. Previously, funding for child poverty was provided as strategic funding but, in January 2023, SFC advised that this would now form part of the Young Persons Guarantee and is funded via an alternative funding stream for 2022-23.

##### Expenditure

- **SFC strategic funding** – expenditure will be incurred if, and when, projects are approved.
- **Action for Children** – the expanded project is progressing well and the service provision is supported by additional external funding (in addition to our regional contribution).

- **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 been undertaken and is now considered unlikely in 2022-23 due to the timing of decisions in respect of the regional review.
- **Regional Review** – an amount of £4,740 was used in September/October 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 with some additional project support (e.g. Unesco project and white ribbon event).

## 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.