

## Board of Management

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<b>Action</b>	<b>For Noting</b>

### 1. Recommendations

To note the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board update for Board members.

# GCRB Update for College Board Members

## Board Meeting of 26 March 2018

*I am pleased to be able to circulate this summary of GCRB's last Board meeting . This was my first Board meeting and it was clear to me the Board's commitment to our core values of ambition and regional collaboration. This meeting showed how our work is powerfully driven by our collective commitment to building Scotland's most inclusive, responsive and effective regional college system.*

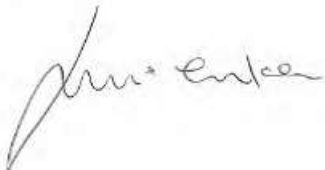
*Our ambitions for Glasgow's learners and colleges were reinforced, and will be supported by, the new national quality arrangements. As a regional collaborative, we are making a real impact on improving the quality of our college provision and in aligning it with Glasgow's needs.*

*The Board, determined to raise attainment, approved our ambitious Regional Outcome Agreement. This will intensify successful outcomes for our learners, Glasgow's communities and the regional economy.*

*Our new Finance policy strengthens our 'safe pair of hands'; assuring effective compliance, governance and confidence. It also commits to 'Making a Difference' by applying resources to realise the biggest regional return and effect our ambitions for learners, colleges and the region.*

*We also approved the Glasgow Colleges Regional Student Executive's Constitution, which includes arrangements for student participation in Board activity and we welcome and value this essential contribution.*

*Overall, I am very pleased to report on how our regional approach is supporting good governance, active improvement, effectiveness and ambition, and I look forwards to providing further reports on progress going forwards.*



**Janie McCusker, Chair of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board**

## From evaluation to improvement

Karen Corbett, HMI, of Education Scotland presented to the Board on the new national quality arrangements for Scotland's Colleges, and the Board noted the validated college reports.

The Board report provided evidence that the three Glasgow colleges are performing well across all elements of the new national quality assessment framework. In college regions, evaluations of provision and services will continue to function at the level of the individual college. However, as key drivers for improving services and outcomes for learners, the Board also considered how colleges' evaluation and reporting aligns with Glasgow's Regional Outcome Agreement's objectives, processes and governance, with an impetus on taking ownership of the quality framework, 'How good is our college?' to drive improvement, intensify outcomes and support our ambitions for Glasgow, its colleges and its learners.

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## Regional Outcome Agreement

The Board approved the draft of the 2018-19 Regional Outcome Agreement (ROA), which will now be submitted to the Scottish Funding Council. It sets ambitious targets that respond directly to the Scottish Government's drive to deliver an intensification of outcomes.

The Board recognised that our regional aspirations are based on the footing that appropriate funding is provided to the Glasgow College Region, particularly given the high level of social and economic deprivation within the city. As with the allocation of additional Pupil Equity Funding, many of Glasgow's college learners face significant challenges due to poverty or other difficulties, and a comparable prioritisation of national resources will be critical to ensuring the achievement of performance targets for the Glasgow region.

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## Finance Policy: Making a Difference

The Board approved our new Finance Policy which was developed collaboratively to identify and support the key financial objectives of GCRB: effective compliance/governance; assurance/confidence and; making a difference. The first two priorities take precedence as statutory obligations over which GCRB has very limited control. The third, 'Making a Difference', aims to use limited resources to realise the biggest return.

The policy will:

1. Support our mission of building Scotland's most inclusive, responsive and effective regional college system.
2. Devolve financial decisions to the most appropriate level; recognising the colleges' robust financial management.
3. Take a low- risk based approach to managing our priorities and resources.

In practice, the policy will allow the GCRB Executive to:

- Simplify the way in which funds are allocated to colleges.
- Work to achieve the best possible funding outcomes for the Glasgow Region.
- Concentrate GCRB's resources on activities that can realise the biggest return.
- Support the colleges in addressing specific needs.

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## Glasgow Colleges Regional Student Executive's Constitution

The Board endorsed the GCRSE's Constitution and approved its arrangements for the election of student members to the Board this year.

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## Strategic Planning Implementation Report

The Executive Director updated the Board on operational activities delivering on the goals of the Glasgow Region Strategic Plan for College Education. This included reports of progress across the four drivers designed to harness our collective strengths and unlock our regional potential: sharing skills and knowledge; offering a coherent and consistent student experience; developing a regionally responsive curriculum and; building efficient regional structures.

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