

## Board of Management

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### 1. Recommendations

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

# Glasgow Region Update for Board Members

## Introduction from the GCRB Chair

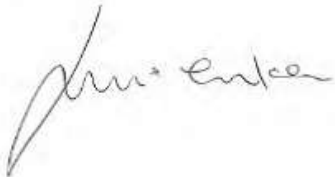
I am pleased to be able to share this summary of our Board Meeting of 18 June, whose agenda and discussions clearly illustrate our journey towards Scotland's most inclusive, responsive and effective regional college system.

Our Regional Leads' work in Developing the Young Workforce and our commitment to improving learners' journeys, attainment, support services, and retention, all underline our dedication to offering an excellent college education to all our current and potential learners. This will always be our chief motivation.

A report on our progress against our Glasgow Region Strategic Plan for College Education illustrates the benefits of a regional approach in increasing effectiveness. Significant progress in developing our regional CPD, partnerships with schools, and data provisions will all contribute to our ambitions for learners, colleges and the region.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome new some new GCRB Board members; Ed McGrachan, Moira Connolly, Michael Cullen, Ian Patrick, Charlie Montgomery and Shaun McLaughlin. I look forward to working with them to achieve our regional ambitions.

On 20 August, GCRB board members took part in a strategic development day; an opportunity to review our progress, to contribute wisdom and ideas, and to set a shared course for the coming year. We'll be sharing the results of this meeting with you, as more evidence of the success and potential of Glasgow's regional approach to college education.



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

## GCRB Board Meeting of 18 June 2018

### Partnership working to Develop the Young Workforce

Regional Leads presented to the Board on their progress in Developing the Young Workforce.

John Rafferty, Regional Lead for Developing the Young Workforce, presented his analysis of regional data on the scale, importance, levels, subject spread and success of the colleges' current activities with schools and their learners. This identified the need and potential to increase these activities. More research will inform our regional DYW strategy.

Audrey Miller, Regional Lead for Organisational Development, described the development of support for school and college staff to meet DYW's ambitions. This work includes a professional

dialogue session, half-day shadowing exchange opportunities, and a programme to equip secondary teachers to be able to inform learners about college admissions processes, student funding, etc.

[Read the report and a summary of the data analysis](#)

## Ambitious and attainable: 2018-19 Credit Targets and Funding Allocation

The Board noted that the SFC final credit targets and funding allocations remain broadly as agreed at our meeting of 26 March and included in our Regional Outcome Agreement 2018-19.

Still to be agreed with the SFC are the final targets for childcare training. These have increased significantly to meet the Scottish Government's commitment to double the free childcare entitlement by 2020.

The funding announcement provides £6.4m to meet the costs of National Bargaining in the Glasgow Region. It also provides £6.2m of capital funding to address 'very high priority' estates maintenance issues.

[Read the 2018-19 Final Regional Outcome Agreement Credit Targets and 2018-19 ROA](#)

[Read the Final Funding Allocation - 2018-19](#)

## Improving our learners' journeys

In May, the Scottish Government published the final report of the 15-24 Learner Journey Review of education provision for all 16-24-year olds. This seeks to ensure that a national learning system enables efficient and effective learning journeys at every stage through:

- informed decision-making by the learner;
- the quality, value and reach of provision on offer to learners;
- straightforward, more efficient connections between parts of the system, including recognition of prior learning;
- equality of access to these opportunities, including suitable learner funding; and
- embedded partnership working with businesses and their representatives.

One of the report's conclusions was that the Scottish Government should support multi-college regions in developing coordinated application processes.

[Read the report](#)

## Intensifying retention and attainment

The Glasgow College Region is taking a progressive collaborative approach to intensifying our outcomes for learners. The Board agreed a proposed Regional Retention and Attainment group to look at our successful practices, ways to improve retention, and opportunities for regional collaboration. This work will inform a regional action plan to complement individual colleges' plans and support the ambitions of our ROA; improving retention and attainment throughout the region.

[Read the report and proposal](#)

## Delivering Scotland's most inclusive, responsive and effective regional college system

The Executive Director reported to the Board on our good performance in implementing the Glasgow Region Strategic Plan for College Education.

The work of our Regional Leads has resulted in significant progress in developing regional approaches to: CPD; school-college partnership activity; student support services; data provision and analysis and; to a better assessment of regional employment demand and curriculum fit.

An internal audit identified no significant weaknesses and a good overall level of assurance in our work.

[Read the report](#)