

## Board of Management Finance Committee

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### Recommendations

The Finance Committee is asked to approve the proposed minimum course fee rate detailed in the paper.

## 1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for 2025/26 course fees.

## 2. Context

The table below sets out the proposed basis for calculating the College's course fees for the SFC fundable activity 2025/26 academic year. The Vice Principal Corporate Development & Innovation will determine the course fees for all full cost commercial activity, part time international activity and international partnership activity.

The Committee should note:

- That the Scottish Parliament has abolished fees for students studying on **eligible** full-time further education courses (i.e. below HNC/D level).
- The vast majority of full-time HE students (HNC/D) will have their fees paid on their behalf by the Students' Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).
- The Board cannot set the fees for full-time HE, as these are set nationally and have been frozen at £1,285 since 2009.
- The Board has more flexibility in terms of setting the level of part-time fees.

SFC issue annually a national fee waiver policy whereby a wide range of disadvantaged people need not pay part-time course fees. The College fee waiver policy complies with the SFC national policy.

The College proposes to increase most part-time fees by approximately 3% on the 2024/25 level to recognise the general economic climate, inflation and College costs. This increase is similar to the current rate of inflation. In the year to July 2024 (announced in August 2024), the annual RPI was 3.6% and CPI was 2.2%. In 2024/25 there was a 6% increase and in 2023/24 there was an approximate 10% increase in part time fees, however in previous years there had been a limited increase to course fees few years due to the pandemic.

The College is most likely facing the same level of cash SFC grant funding for 2025/26 therefore a 3% increase in the course fee rates will assist the College budgeted income. This increase has been incorporated in the 2025/26 fees shown

in the table below. Within the SFC main grant for 2025/26 full time fees will, disappointingly, most likely to remain at the 2024/25 rates with a small increase to the notional part time fee rates.

The proposed part-time fees shown in the following table are set as a minimum level. Some fees will be set higher depending on, for example, whether additional tuition is provided, or class sizes are smaller than average. The Chief Financial Officer will agree variations to the minimum course fee level.

### **3. Impact and Implications**

The increase to the course fee rates should have a positive impact on the 2025/26 College income and a minimal negative impact on student recruitment.

	City of Glasgow 2022/23	City of Glasgow 2023/24	City of Glasgow 2024/25	City of Glasgow 2025/26
HE Full-time (Home Fees/Scottish Domiciled)	£1,285	£1,285	£1,285	£1,285
FE Full-time (Home Fees/Scottish Domiciled)	£1,008	£1,008	£1,008	£1,008
FE & HE Full-time (RUK students)	£2,850	£3,100	£3,300	£3,400
FE & HE Full-time overseas students (inc EU)	£6,850	£7,500	£7,950	£8,190
ESOL Full-time overseas students	£5,750	£6,300	£6,700	£6,900
<b>Part-time Fees – Minimum Charges:</b>				
FE Unit (or 40 hours)	£90.00	£99.00	£105.00	£108.00
FE SQA fee	£8.80	£9.40	£10.00	£13.00
<b>TOTAL FE unit fee</b>	<b>£98.80</b>	<b>£108.40</b>	<b>£115.00</b>	<b>£121.00</b>
TOTAL FE part-time fee per hour	£2.47	£2.71	£2.87	£2.96
HE Unit (or 40 hours)	£114.40	£125.00	£132.50	£136.50
HE SQA fee	£14.80	£15.80	£16.75	£17.25
<b>TOTAL HE unit fee</b>	<b>£129.20</b>	<b>£140.80</b>	<b>£149.25</b>	<b>£153.75</b>
TOTAL HE part-time fee per hour	£3.22	£3.52	£3.73	£3.84
Employer charge per hour	£3.58	£3.90	£4.13	£4.25