

## Board of Management Report Finance & Physical Resources Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>FPRC3-B</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Subject of Paper</b>	<b>College Course Fees 2017/18</b>
<b>FOISA Status</b>	<b>Disclosable</b>
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<b>Action</b>	<b>For approval</b>

### Recommendations

The Finance & Physical Resources 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 2017/18 course fees.

## 2. Context

The table below sets out the proposed basis for calculating the College's course fees for the SFC fundable activity 2017/18 academic year. The Executive Director 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.
- 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 2.5% on the 2016/17 level to recognise the general economic climate, inflation and College costs. This increase reflects the rate of inflation in the calendar year 2016, the annual RPI was 2.5% and CPI was 1.6%. The College is potentially facing less than a 1% increase in the rate of SFC grant for 2016/17 (there may be additional funding for growth) therefore a 2.5% increase in the course fee rates will assist the College budgeted income. This increase has been incorporated in the 2017/18 fees shown in the table below. Within the SFC main grant for 2017/18 full time fees will likely to remain at the 2016/17 rates and a small increase to the notional part time fee rates which were used to calculate a target course fee income per College.

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 Vice Principal Finance & HR 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 College income in 2017/18 and it is anticipated the increase will have a minimal negative impact on student recruitment.

	SFC Fee 2015/16	City of Glasgow 2015/16	City of Glasgow 2016/17	City of Glasgow 2017/18
HE Full-time (EU excl RUK students)	£1,285	£1,285	£1,285	£1,285
FE Full-time (EU excl RUK students)	£1,008	£1,008	£1,008	£1,008
FE & HE Full-time (RUK students)	N/A	£2,575	£2,625	£2,700
FE & HE Full-time overseas students	N/A	£6,050	£6,175	£6,350
ESOL Full-time overseas students	N/A	£5,075	£5,175	£5,300
<b>Part-time Fees – Minimum Charges:</b>				
FE Unit (or 40 hours)	£56.40	£74.50	£76.00	£78.50
FE SQA fee	£7.50	£7.50	£8.00	£7.50
<b>TOTAL FE unit fee</b>	<b>£63.90</b>	<b>£82.00</b>	<b>£84.00</b>	<b>£86.00</b>
TOTAL FE part-time fee per hour	£1.61	£2.05	£2.10	£2.15
HE Unit (or 40 hours)	£75.50	£93.50	£97.00	£100.00
HE SQA fee	£13.50	£13.50	£13.00	£13.00
<b>TOTAL HE unit fee</b>	<b>£89.00</b>	<b>£107.00</b>	<b>£110.00</b>	<b>£113.00</b>
TOTAL HE part-time fee per hour	£2.23	£2.68	£2.75	£2.83
Employer charge per hour	N/A	£3.00	£3.06	£3.14