

## Board Meeting

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### 1. Report Purpose

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide members with an overview of key tasks being undertaken by the Glasgow Colleges' Strategic Partnership (GCSO) to support the work of the Regional Board.

### 2. Recommendations

**2.1** Members are recommended to note the contents of the report

### 3. Introduction

**3.1** As members will be aware the GCSP is the vehicle for the coordination and collaboration of the work of the three colleges within the Glasgow Region. This is the latest version of a collaborative vehicle and, like its predecessor bodies, seeks to ensure the effective joint working of the colleges to support the delivery of a high quality learner experience while engaging on a strategic level with stakeholders. A copy of the structure of GCSP is attached as appendix 1 for information.

**3.2** The GCSP is also undertaking a number of projects which will contribute to the development of a common regional approach in a number of areas.

### 4. Glasgow Colleges' Strategic Partnership Key Tasks:

**October – December 2014**

**a) Regional Outcome Agreement (RDA) Session 2015/16**

The three colleges working with the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) have produced a draft ROA for session 2015/16. This document is scheduled to be considered elsewhere on this agenda as is the self-evaluation report on session 2013/14 ROA;

#### **b) A Vision for Learning in Glasgow 2015/20**

The consultation exercise on the high level proposals for curriculum and estates within the Glasgow Region took place from 27 October – 21 November 2014.

A report on the outcome of this consultation exercise is scheduled to be considered elsewhere on this agenda;

#### **c) Glasgow Region Application Process**

Following GCRB meeting held on 6 October 2014 a seminar was organised to consider how best to develop a Glasgow Region Application Process. The seminar was attended by:

- representatives from the three assigned colleges with expertise in admissions, MIS and guidance;
- the Advisor to the Board;
- representatives from Skills Development Scotland; and
- Senior Managers from the assigned colleges.

Presentations were made by UCAS and by Fares Samara, City of Glasgow College, on potential application systems and additional functionality which would be of benefit to learners.

Following considerable discussion of the alternatives it was agreed that a bespoke model, designed in-house by the assigned colleges would provide the Regional Board with the high level applications data which it required via a Glasgow Region interface. This system would build on the existing Capita software used by all three assigned colleges and would enable further developments with regard to enrolment to be constructed in due course.

A working group, led by Fares Samara has been tasked with producing a project plan for the March 2015 meeting of the GCRB;

#### **d) Skills Development Scotland: Statement of Partnership**

The three colleges have agreed a statement of partnership which will form the basis of the bids for Employability Funds from Skills Development Scotland (SDS). Due to the extremely high tight deadline imposed by SDS (8 December 2014) it has not been possible to submit a joint bid in the current round however the Statement of Partnership sets out the intention to do so in the future

#### **e) Glasgow Colleges' STEM Learning Event**

A Glasgow Colleges' STEM Learning Event was held on 28 November 2014 at the Langside Campus of Glasgow Clyde College. This event was supported by the SFC and key stakeholders including employers, Higher Education Institutions and schools were invited to attend.

The event provided stakeholders with the opportunity to:

- hear examples of good practice from the three colleges;
- hear from our employer partners; and
- provide feedback on how best to focus STEM provision in the future.

This was a well attended event with positive feedback from participants. Details are available from [www.sfc.ac.uk/GlasgowSTEMevent](http://www.sfc.ac.uk/GlasgowSTEMevent) ; and

#### **f) NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Strategic Education Partnership**

The three assigned colleges, West College and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have now signed a Strategic Education Partnership agreement. The first meeting of the steering group for this partnership is scheduled to take place early in 2015 with a focus on developing key priorities and associated workplan.

### **5. Further Information**

**5.1** Members can obtain further information on the contents of this report from Alan Sherry, Convenor, GCSP at [asherry@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk](mailto:asherry@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk) or Brian Hughes, GCSP Development Coordinator at [bhughes@glasgowlyde.ac.uk](mailto:bhughes@glasgowlyde.ac.uk)

### **6. Risk Analysis**

**6.1** The item reported on in this paper which present risk to the work of GCRB are dealt with separately on this agenda.

### **7. Legal Implications**

**7.1** There are no legal implications from the information provided in this report.

### **8. Financial Implications**

**8.1** There are no additional financial implications from the matters contained in this report.