

Board Meeting

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Paper Title	Programme for Action 2019-20 - Update
Agenda Item	15
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Responsible Officer	Jim Godfrey, Interim Executive Director
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Action	For Information

1. Report Purpose

1.1. To update the Board on the Programme for Action 2019-20.

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Board is asked to **note** the positive progress made to implement the Collaborative Programme for Action 2019-20.

3. Report

3.1. The following table provides a summary of the six collaborative projects that GCRB provided funding for in 2019-20.

Commitment	Regional output/outcome	Progress Update
Develop digital curriculum maps	A digital prospectus, linked to the live college offer, which provides a high-level overview of vocational progression pathways across the region. This regional prospectus to be publicised through college, school and SDS websites.	Work is being undertaken in partnership with SDS in response to Learner Journey recommendation. This will improve the way learners can search and access course applications and apply to college. Discussions have taken place a national, and regional, level involving GCRB, SDS and college representatives. However, the service specification is still under discussion and the regional budget (£50,000) has not been committed.
Empower our ESOL Partnership	Leadership of the city-wide ESOL network, management and continued development of the city-wide ESOL register, and delivery by community partners of access provision.	An offer of grant (£95,000) has been issued to Glasgow Clyde College to deliver the regional ESOL project. This funding is supplemented by in-kind resources provided by local authority, and community, partners.

<p>Align our curriculum more closely to regional and national skills needs</p>	<p>Delivery with SDS and SDS of 5-Step Planning and Provision Pilot. Deliverables to include evaluation of skills alignment and identification of curriculum development recommendations.</p>	<p>The project is underway with a consultant appointed in partnership with SDS. A report is expected at the end of December following a consultation event on the 9th October. A 'Regional Conversation' is also planned. The work to date constitutes steps 1 and 2 of the 5-Step model. The financial commitment (of GCRB) for this initial phase of the work equates to £10,000 (from the allocated budget of £30,000).</p>
<p>Develop new online learning resources for HNC childcare courses</p>	<p>Online HNC training course materials developed and shared with the three colleges.</p>	<p>This project is not expected to proceed as envisaged when the Programme for Action was developed. The budget of £25,000 is unlikely to be required for its original purpose.</p>
<p>Establish new student support service for care experienced young people</p>	<p>Regional care experienced support service established across the three colleges, with Action for Children staff working alongside college student support staff to provide additional support both in college and off site, for care experienced learners.</p>	<p>The project is co-funded, and delivered by, Action for Children. The project commenced at the start of the academic year. An official project launch is planned for October 2019 with support of Scottish Government. The contract for services has been agreed and the total cost is £60,000 (the same as the original budget).</p>
<p>Develop a mental health service which includes professionally-qualified Mental Health Services leadership capacity and an improved counselling offer</p>	<p>Development of a regional approach to mental health services which supports and integrates with individual college approaches, and which includes access to professionally-qualified Mental Health leadership capacity. To be complemented by SFC additional funding for counsellors.</p>	<p>The Invitation to Tender was issued at the beginning of August. Tenders were received by GCRB and evaluated on the 16th September. A preferred contractor has been appointed and work has commenced. The original budget set aside for this work was £80,000 and it is expected that the final contract price will be within the budget.</p>

