

## Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Friday 1 July 2016
Paper Title	GCRB Strategic Development Event
Agenda Item	9
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Responsible Officer	Margaret Cook, GCRB Chair
Status	Disclosable
Action	For noting

### 1. Report Purpose

- 1.1. This paper provides members with an update on GCRB planning for a GCRB strategic development event.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Board is invited to:

- **note** the draft intentions for a GCRB strategic development event in October 2016; and
- **suggest** additions or amendments to the initial planning ideas.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. GCRB is responsible for the strategic development of coherent and high quality education across the Glasgow College Region.
- 3.2. As part of activity to develop a GCRB strategy, it is planned to hold a strategic development event in October 2016. A sub-group of the GCRB Board met on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 to share and consider initial thoughts around on this event. The following is a summary of this discussion.

### 4. Draft Plan for GCRB Strategic Development Event

- 4.1. The purpose of this event will be to:

- engage with key regional and national stakeholders at a strategic development level, building relationships and identifying opportunities for shared strategic commitments and support;
- raise the profile of GCRB as the strategic lead for college education in the Glasgow region and beyond, highlighting our positive ambitions for Glasgow, and inviting participation in the development of GCRB's strategic aims;

- promote and showcase Glasgow College learning opportunities and sector leading practice as a significant contributor to improving regional and national economic and social well-being; and
  - provide opportunities for GCRB and Assigned College Board members to work collaboratively to develop a strategy for Glasgow region college education.
- 4.2.** Target participants will include stakeholders such as the Scottish Government and the SFC, employers and their representative groups, educational providers and partners, employment and skills development agencies, alongside GCRB and Assigned College Board members and senior staff and current and potential learners.
- 4.3.** In terms of format, it is suggested that the event takes place over either a half/whole day and in October 2016, and that a range of speakers (including Scottish Government, learners, employers, and educational and local authority partners) are invited. The format will also be planned to encourage opportunities for all attendees to participate and contribute to debate, perhaps facilitated through the use of themes.
- 4.4.** City of Glasgow College have offered to host the event at their new campus in Cathedral Street.
- 4.5.** Outcomes from the planned event are intended to be:
- a better understanding by GCRB of potential strategic priorities and alignments which can feed in to its strategic plan;
  - a higher profile for GCRB as a positive force for regional development;
  - greater participants and stakeholders understanding of the learning opportunities provided by Glasgow's colleges; and
  - networking and relationship building both in terms of with external stakeholders and also between GCRB and Assigned College Board members and senior staff.

**5. Risk Analysis, Legal Implications, Financial Implications and Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

- 5.1.** There are no specific risks associated with this paper. Neither are there any specific issues arising from this paper in relation to legal matters or financial issues.
- 5.2.** In terms of the Regional Outcome Agreement, the development of a strategy for GCRB will provide clarity on high level aims and planned outcomes for the Glasgow region and there will therefore be the potential to align the more operational ROA to support achievement of these.