

Performance and Resources Committee Meeting

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Paper Title	Additional Funding Allocation 2020-21
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Responsible Officer	Jim Godfrey, Finance and Resources Director
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Action	For Decision

1. Report Purpose

- 1.1. To enable the Committee to consider the distribution of additional capital grants to the Glasgow colleges.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to;

- **Agree** to recommend to the Board the allocation of capital funding (as set out in the report),
- Subject to Board approval, **request** that the Executive Director issues a grant letter to each college.

3. Additional capital funding to support digital provision in AY 2020-21

- 3.1. The SFC announcement was issued on 14 August 2020. Full details are available via the following link:
http://www.sfc.ac.uk/web/FILES/announcements_sfc122020/Additional_capital_funding_to_support_digital_provision_in_AY_2020-21.pdf
- 3.2. The funding is to be used to “tackle digital poverty and provide fair and equitable access to remote learning for their students”. The funds should be used to purchase ICT equipment to provide access to online learning.
- 3.3. The distribution of funding has been agreed by the Scottish Government in conjunction with Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) and Scottish Funding Council. For FE students, the funding has been distributed in accordance with the allocation of Student Support Funding. For HE students, the funding has been distributed in proportion to the allocation of Discretionary Funds by SAAS to each college. However, the colleges have discretion to use these funds flexibly between HE and FE students.
- 3.4. We intend to use the Scottish Government methodology to distribute the funding to the colleges in Glasgow. There are two reasons for this approach:

- To ensure that the allocation of funding is expedited to enable the Glasgow colleges to progress investment as soon as possible, and
- The methodology has been agreed by the national sector agencies as the optimal basis for allocation of funding to meet the identified need.

3.5. Using the Scottish Government methodology results in the following allocations to the individual Glasgow colleges:

	FE Digital Support Funding 2020-21	HE Digital Support Funding 2020-21	Total Digital Support Funding 2020-21
City of Glasgow College	£124,953	£137,751	£262,704
Glasgow Clyde College	£137,436	£67,741	£205,177
Glasgow Kelvin College	£77,713	£28,500	£106,213
Total	£340,102	£233,992	£574,094

3.6. The detailed working paper is attached below:



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3.7. There are certain conditions associated with this grant, including that funds must be used for:

- The purpose intended.
- Capital (not revenue) expenditure.
- The Academic Year 2020-21 and must be spent by 31 July 2021.

3.8. Colleges must provide an outline report (on how the funds are being used) by 30 November 2020 and a final report at 31 July 2021.

4. Additional Capital Funding to support economic recovery in FY 2020-21

4.1. On 4 August 2020, the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) announced additional funding for 2020-21 to support economic recovery. Full details of the announcement are available via the following link:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/announcements/2020/SFCAN112020.aspx>

4.2. The funding is intended to "...make an additional supportive contribution to the maintenance of college and university estates...". The funding must be used to meet two criteria: estate maintenance and construction sector stimulus. It is expected that the priority will be to "...focus on public areas and thoroughfares...".

4.3. The funding has been distributed using SFC's capital maintenance grant allocation methodology. We intend to use the Scottish Government methodology to distribute the funding to the colleges in Glasgow. There are two reasons for this approach in Glasgow:

- To ensure that the allocation of funding is expedited to enable colleges to progress investment as soon as possible, and
- The methodology has been agreed by the national sector agencies as the optimal basis for allocation of funding to meet the identified need.

4.4. Using the Scottish Government methodology results in the following allocations to the individual Glasgow colleges:

	Capital Allocation for lifecycle maintenance FY 2020-21	Capital Allocation based on gross high priority backlog maintenance FY 2020-21	Total Digital Support Funding 2020-21
City of Glasgow College	£278,472	£0	£278,472
Glasgow Clyde College	£196,221	£403,029	£599,250
Glasgow Kelvin College	£122,589	£103,767	£226,356
Total	£597,282	£506,796	£1,104,078

4.5. The detailed working paper is attached below:



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4.6. There are certain conditions associated with this grant, including that funds must be used for:

- The purpose intended and cannot be used in respect of student accommodation.
- Capital (not revenue) expenditure.
- The Financial Year 2020-21 and must be spent by 31 March 2021.

4.7. Colleges must confirm (by 31 December 2020) that the allocated funding will be deployed in FY 2020-21. Colleges must report (by 30 April 2021) showing how the funding has been utilised.

5. Risk Analysis

5.1. The provision of additional funding mitigates the risk that 'Financial Sustainability is jeopardised by a reduction in funding and/or an increase in costs' (Risk 008). The provision of additional funding also supports 'learners achieving positive outcomes' (Risk 007) and mitigates the impact of Covid-19 i.e. 'Coronavirus has a long-lasting impact upon strategic, operational and financial planning for the region'.

6. Equalities Implications

6.1. The provision of additional funding supports colleges in the adaptation of college buildings for all students. The provision of funding to provide access to IT facilities to learners will also enable colleges to target resources to learners with the greatest need.

7. Legal Implications

7.1. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. The financial implications are set out in the body of the report.

9. Strategic Plan Implications

- 9.1.** The ability to deliver the Regional Outcome Agreement and Strategic Plan is directly affected by the allocation of additional resources.