

**Minute of the Performance and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 26 August 2020**

<b>Present</b>	
Caroline MacDonald (Chair)	Dave Brown
Paul Buchanan	Moira Connolly
<b>In Attendance</b>	
Martin Boyle (Executive Director)	Janie McCusker (Board Chair)
Penny Davis (Board Secretary)	Paul Little (Principal, CoGC)
Jim Godfrey (Finance and Resources Director)	Derek Smeall (Principal, GKC)
Wendy Odedina (Executive Assistant)	Jon Vincent (Principal, GCC)

**1. Introduction and Welcome**

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Paper Number: Verbal

**1.1 Discussion**

The Chair welcomed members and attendees and thanked them for accommodating this additional meeting of the Committee at short notice.

**2. Apologies**

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Paper Number: Verbal

**2.1 Decision**

None.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

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Paper Number: Verbal

**3.1 Decision**

The Chair reminded members that it is their personal responsibility to indicate to the Chair at any point during the meeting if they have, or may be perceived as having, a conflict of interest under any item on the agenda.

The three assigned college Principals declared an interest the substantive item for this meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would invite comment from each Principal and they would then leave the meeting.

## 4. Additional Funding Allocation

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Paper Number: PRC1-A

### 4.1 Discussion

The Executive Director provided an overview of the paper outlining the additional funding that had been received as a result of Covid-19 which GCRB now had to allocate to the assigned colleges. He highlighted the proposed split of funding which he explained followed national guidelines and provided a rationale for why the GCRB Executive deem this to be the most appropriate method.

The Principal of Glasgow Kelvin College noted that he does not agree with the methodology used nationally by the SFC and Scottish Government for the funding related to poverty as it does not use SIMD data. He stated that in his opinion, this methodology disadvantages Glasgow Kelvin College, and the region as a whole, as he believes it is not a true reflection of underlying poverty.

The Principal of City of Glasgow College noted his agreement with the GCRB Executive proposal for the allocation of this funding in using the national guidelines.

The Principal of Glasgow Clyde College also agreed with the proposed allocation, noting his priority that funding is allocated quickly as it is urgently required for procurement purposes.

The Committee discussed the context of this funding allocation being a national allocation that has been specifically formed within a national economic crisis. They discussed the time pressures for equipment to be procured quickly for students who require this urgently.

The Committee discussed the process by which SFC allocates funding to the region and their desire for Glasgow to receive a fully regional allocation so that GCRB, in its decision making on funding allocations, can respond in a more agile way to the needs of the region and its learners.

The Committee asked for the equalities implications section of this report to be expanded when it is presented to the Board for decision to take account of the discussion.

The assigned college principals left the meeting at this point.

### 4.2 Decision

The Committee **agreed** to recommend to the Board the allocation of funding as set out in the report and subject to Board approval, requested that the Executive Director issues a grant letter to each college.

The Committee **requested** that the Executive continue to discuss with SFC the process in which funding is allocated to GCRB and noted their dis-satisfaction with the way this particular funding was received making it very difficult for GCRB to deviate from the methodology, if it so wished.

The Committee **requested** that the Executive develop strategic priorities on which future funding decisions could be based for consideration by the Committee and Board.

## 5. Date of Next Meeting

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### 5.1 Discussion

The date of the next meeting was **agreed** as 30 September 2020.