

## Minute of the Performance and Resources Committee held on Tuesday 14 April 2020

<b>Present</b>	
Caroline MacDonald (Chair)	Aranka Szilassy
Paul Buchanan	Moira Connolly
David Brown	
<b>In Attendance</b>	
Martin Boyle (Executive Director)	Penny Davis (Board Secretary)
Jim Godfrey (Finance and Resources Director)	Derek Smeall (Principal, GKC)
Jon Vincent (Principal, GCC)	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Charlie Montgomery	Anwulika Umeh
Paul Little	

### 1. Introduction and Welcome

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Paper Number: Verbal

#### 1.1 Discussion

The Executive Director provided an introduction to Zoom meeting protocols, including GDPR considerations. He confirmed this was a closed meeting and that there would be no recording of the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all members and attendees to what was an additional meeting of the Committee with a limited agenda to review Regional Outcome Agreement and funding allocation proposals prior to the GCRB Board meeting on 27 April.

### 2. Apologies

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Paper Number: Verbal

#### 2.1 Decision

Apologies were noted for Paul Little. It was also noted that Charlie Montgomery and Anwulika Umeh were not present.

### 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.

#### **4. Chair's Business**

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Paper Number: Verbal

**4.1** The Chair advised Members that she had no business to report.

#### **5. Minute of the Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2020**

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Paper Number: PRC4-A

##### **5.1 Decision**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2020 were **agreed** as an accurate record.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

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##### **6.1 Discussion**

The Chair highlighted the delay in the Scottish Government's introduction of Trade Union Board Members, which was to have happened in August 2020. It was confirmed the situation would be monitored and the Committee informed of a revised timetable when this was available.

Members discussed the outstanding action to which the minutes referred in relation to the Clyde estates strategy. The action referred to a request, at the December meeting of the Committee, for the Interim Executive Director to report on wider implications of the strategy for the Glasgow College Region.

#### **7. 2020-21 Regional Outcome Agreement**

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Paper Number: PRC4-B

##### **7.1 Discussion**

The Executive Director introduced the paper, advising Members that the ROA represented a clear and consistent continuation from last year's agreement and from reports to the Board earlier in the academic year. He thanked the Colleges for the successful progression of projects building on previous years' activity and outlined his proposed strategic approach to planning going forward, recognising the impact of Covid-19 and the need for an immediate focus on business continuity.

Members discussed aspects of the ROA, including:

- The potential reallocation of underspent project funds from the Programme of Action.
- The need to continue longer term strategic planning without losing sight of the fast-changing national context. It was noted that the SFC had recognised in recent dialogue the need for flexibility where possible and the potential need for review of targets.

## 7.2 Decision

The Committee **agreed** to recommend the 2020-21 Regional Outcome Agreement to the GCRB Board for approval.

## 8. Indicative Funding Allocations 2020-21

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Paper Number: PRC4-C

### 9.1 Discussion

The Finance and Resources Director provided an overview of SFC's indicative funding allocation. He advised Members that this was in line with expectations and that criteria similar to the SFC's had been used as the basis for proposed funding allocations to the three Colleges.

The Committee discussed:

- The benefit of allowing the regional Sustainability Group to discuss and, where necessary, seek clarification on any aspects of the paper before it was taken to the GCRB Board.
- The need for flexibility of funding between financial years in the context of Covid-19.
- The potential for further adjustment of funding at College level based on Colleges' priorities.

### 9.2 Decision

The Committee **agreed** that:

- The Sustainability Group should have an opportunity to meet and discuss the Indicative Funding Allocations with the GCRB Executive prior to the GCRB Board meeting.
- The Executive Director should pursue dialogue with the SFC about flexibility of funding between financial years to accommodate delay or deferral resulting from the present Covid-19 situation.
- Taking note of the two points above, the Committee would be content to recommend the Indicative Funding Allocations for 2020-21 to the GCRB Board for approval.

## 10. Any Other Business

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10.1 No other business was identified.

## 11. Disclosure Status of Papers

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**11.1** Members **noted** that both the Regional Outcome Agreement and Indicative Funding Allocations were non-disclosable pending the conclusion of the Board's decision making on these matters, under FOI(S)A Section 30: Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

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### **12.1 Discussion**

The date of the next meeting was **agreed** as Monday 1 June 2020.