

## Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday 18 June 2018
Paper Title	Regional Action to Improve Retention and Attainment
Agenda Item	18
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Responsible Officer	Robin Ashton, GCRB Executive Director
Status	Disclosable
Action	For Discussion

### 1. Report Purpose

- 1.1 To update members on the development of collaborative regional activity to improve retention and attainment.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is invited to:

- **note** the establishment of a regional forum to support improvements in retention and attainment;
- **request** an update on the work and impact of this group at a future meeting of the Board.

### 3. Regional Action to Improve Retention and Attainment

- 3.1 Members will recall that there was considerable discussion at previous meetings of the GCRB Board on the subject of improving attainment and retention, within the context of the national ambition to raise attainment as part of the ROA 'intensification' process.
- 3.2 At the previous meeting of the Board, it was agreed that the GCRB Executive Director would liaise with college managers to take forward the development of a regional attainment action plan, which would complement individual college quality improvement plans.
- 3.3 Attached as an Annex to this report is a proposal from the Glasgow colleges to develop a Regional Colleges Retention and Attainment Group.

#### **4. Risk Analysis**

**5.1** The regional activity highlighted within this report seeks to mitigate potential risks related to GCRB Risk 006: Fewer learners achieving positive outcomes and GCRB Risk 008: Failure to achieve the targets set out in the Regional Outcome Agreement lessens our ability to meet regional needs.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

**5.1** No legal implications are identified.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

**6.1** No resource needs are identified at present.

#### **7. Strategic Implications**

**7.1** This report describes collaborative activity being undertaken to ensure delivery of all the strategic ambitions set out within the Glasgow Region Strategic Plan for College Education.

## **Annex A: Glasgow Colleges Group - Regional Colleges Retention and Attainment Group Proposal**

It is proposed to form a regional group to examine approaches to improve student retention and attainment.

The group will support the national intensification measures which were identified by the Scottish Funding Council.

It is proposed that a Regional group examines retention and attainment to identify –

- What is working well in Glasgow region?
- What more can be done to ensure students remain in college?
- Identify opportunities that exist for regional collaboration.

The group will consist of a steering group which is composed of one quality improvement lead per college.

The methodology that will be used is as follows –

- Establish group and terms of reference including -
  - Completing desk research using SFC and college data
  - Reviewing models of excellence in the rest of UK
  - Examining approaches to pedagogy and its impact on attainment
  - Examining approaches to recognition of prior learning
- Professional dialogue with staff, stakeholders and students from high and low performing courses
- Develop resources for staff to further support retention and attainment

This group will be resourced from staff in Glasgow Region assigned colleges. Additional regional funding may be required to develop projects to support improvement; however this will be quantified as part of group updates.