

Board Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday 19 June 2023
Paper Title	Final Funding Allocations for 2023-24
Agenda Item	12
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Responsible Officer	Jim Godfrey, Finance and Resources Director
Recommended Status	Non-Disclosable under FOI(S)A S:30, Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs, pending consideration and final decision by Board.
Action	For Decision

1. Executive Summary

1.1. To provide the board with the final funding allocations for 2023-24.

2. Recommendations

2.1. The board is asked to:

- **Note** the final funding allocations for 2023-24 issued by the SFC on Thursday, 25 May 2023.
- **Consider**, and **approve**, the final regional funding allocations for 2023-24.

3. Background

3.1. On Thursday, 25 May 2023, the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) announced the final funding allocations for 2023-24. A copy of the full announcement is available via the following link:

<https://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/announcements/2023/SFCAN122023.aspx>

3.2. For 2023-24, as in previous years, we have sought to provide a clear, low risk approach to the preparation of the indicative funding allocations.

3.3. The development of a future regional strategic plan, with clear priorities, may provide an alternative framework upon which to allocate future resources.

3.4. The board is asked to **note** the final funding allocations for 2023-24 issued by the SFC on Thursday, 25 May 2023.

3.5. The final funding allocation, for the Glasgow college region, was approved by the Performance & Resources Committee on 7 June 2023.

4. Final Teaching Allocations 2022-23 (Table 2&3)

4.1. The final teaching allocation to the Glasgow college region is £104.6m in 2023-24, which is the same as 2022-23. The final teaching allocation for 2023-24 is unchanged from the indicative allocation.

5. Credits (Table 2&3 – columns 3,4 &5)

5.1. As highlighted in the indicative allocation, the significant change announced by SFC (for 2023-24) is a reduction of the credit target by 10%. As the total level of funding is unchanged, and the credit target is reduced, the price per credit has increased. The credit target for 2023-24 is unchanged from the indicative allocation.

6. Foundation Apprenticeships

6.1. In 2022-23, the SFC allocated additional credits, and funding, to support foundation apprenticeships. This was not additional funding but replaced income that had previously been realised via contracts with Skills Development Scotland.

6.2. For 2023-24, the SFC has advised that colleges should deliver 2,500 foundation apprenticeship opportunities. This target is included within the total credit allocation and will be monitored via the outcome agreement process.

7. Regional Allocation (Table 2&3 – column 6)

7.1. The draft GCRB budget for 2023-24 was considered at the previous meeting of the Board. The final GCRB budget (allocated from the regional grant) is £459,000 for running costs and £232,000 for the regional Programme of Action. The final GCRB budget for 2023-24 is unchanged from the draft budget and is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

8. Student Support (Table 4)

8.1. Student support funding for 2023-24 has been set at £27.7 million for the Glasgow college region. This is the same as the allocation for 2022-23 (excluding any in-year redistribution). The final student support allocation is unchanged from the indicative allocation.

9. Capital Funding (Table 5)

9.1. In 2022-23, the capital funding for estates was split between funding for backlog maintenance and lifecycle maintenance. For 2023-24, the SFC has merged the two allocations into a single fund. The amount of funding allocated for 2023-24 is identical to that allocated in 2022-23.

9.2. It is important to note that there are two further sources of funding, for 2023-24, that have not been allocated at this stage, i.e.:

- £5 million for colleges, universities and community learning & development to address digital poverty. In 2022-23, the Glasgow college region received £641,795 to address digital poverty.
- £4.7 million to tackle “high priority needs, including health & safety issues”

9.3. The total maintenance funding to the Glasgow college region is £5.47 million, which is the same as the amount received in 2022-23. The final capital funding allocation is unchanged from the indicative allocation.

10. Funding for Job Evaluation (Table 6)

10.1. The national job evaluation exercise for management and support staff posts commenced in 2019-20. In anticipation of the expected costs, SFC allocated funds to meet the expected increase in expenditure. These funds have been retained by SFC pending the quantification of the actual costs following the conclusion of the evaluation process.

10.2. The amounts retained by SFC are shown in table 6. These figures are unchanged from the amount retained in each of the previous years since the exercise began.

11. Other

11.1. There are other sources of funding that have not been confirmed within the final allocations by the Scottish Funding Council. Future announcements are anticipated regarding:

- **Flexible Workforce Development Fund** - Information is awaited in respect of any funding allocated for 2023-24. Members will recall that the SFC notification of the allocation for 2022-23 was only received in January 2023.
- **Access to Free Period Products** - Funding of £84,500 was provided by the SFC to the Glasgow college region in 2022-23. A similar level of funding is expected in 2023-24.

- **Funding for Counsellors** – SFC allocated funding for counsellors to 31 March 2023 with the Scottish Government confirming additional funding until the end of July 2023. Further announcements are awaited in respect of expectations, and future funding, for this activity.
- **Capital funding** - to address digital poverty (£5 million) and high priority health and safety needs (£4.7m).

12. Recommendation

12.1. The Board is asked to **consider**, and **approve**, the final regional funding allocations for 2023-24.

13. Risk and Compliance Analysis

13.1. One of the key risks facing the Glasgow Region is that “Financial sustainability is jeopardised by a reduction in funding and/or an increase in costs.” The college funding allocation for 2023-24 presents a number of significant challenges. The combined impact of rising inflation and a reduction in funding poses a threat to financial sustainability.

13.2. There are no legal implications associated with this paper.

14. Finance and Resource Implications

14.1. The funding implications are set out in the body of this report.

15. Equalities Implications

15.1. There are no equalities implications as a direct result of this report.

16. Learner Implications

16.1. The provision of funding for 2023-24 provides the resources to support the delivery of the Regional Outcome Agreement and regional strategic ambitions.

Final Teaching Funding & Credit Thresholds AY 2023-24 - Glasgow Region

Table 2&3

College/region	Published teaching funding AY 2022-23	Credit target (incl FAs) AY 2022-23	Redistribution & rebasing of credits	Indicative credit threshold AY 2023-24	Regional Redistribution AY 2023-24	Indicative teaching funding AY 2023-24	Percentage change from published teaching funding AY 2022-23
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
City of Glasgow College	£44,468,585	175,333	-17,533	157,800	£99,743	£44,568,328	0.22%
Glasgow Clyde College	£35,235,225	126,357	-12,636	113,721	£79,033	£35,314,258	0.22%
Glasgow Kelvin College	£24,012,451	79,934	-7,993	71,941	£53,860	£24,066,311	0.22%
Collaborative Projects	£419,000	0	0	0	-£187,000	£232,000	-44.63%
GCRB Running Costs	£496,000	0	0	0	-£37,000	£459,000	-7.46%
Glasgow Region	£104,631,261	381,624	-38,162	343,462	£8,636	£104,639,897	0.01%
Percentage of National Allocation	20.06%	22.12%	22.12%	22.12%		20.06%	
Scotland	£521,590,885	1,725,225	-172,523	1,552,702	£0	£521,590,885	0.0%

Final Student Support funding allocations for AY 2023-24 - Glasgow Region

Table 4

College/Region	Student support funding allocations AY 2022-23*	Indicative student support funding allocations AY 2023-24	Change from published student funding AY 2022-23	Percentage change from published student funding AY 2022-23
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
City of Glasgow College	£10,161,891	£10,161,891	£0	0.0%
Glasgow Clyde College	£11,176,973	£11,176,973	£0	0.0%
Glasgow Kelvin College	£6,320,065	£6,320,065	£0	0.0%
Glasgow Region	£27,658,929	£27,658,929	£0	0%
Percentage of National Allocation	20.49%	20.49%		
Total	£135,000,000	£135,000,000	£0	0%

* Published core student support funding allocations for AY 2022-23.
Excludes any additional funding allocated through in-year redistribution.

Final Capital Maintenance funding allocations for FY 2023-24 - Glasgow Region

Table 5

College/region	Capital funding for backlog maintenance FY 2022-23 ¹	Capital funding for lifecycle maintenance FY 2022-23 ²	Total capital funding for maintenance FY 2022-23	Percentage share of national capital funding for maintenance FY 2022-23	Indicative capital funding for maintenance FY 2023-24
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
City of Glasgow College	£0	£1,336,088	£1,336,088	4.28%	£1,336,089
Glasgow Clyde College	£2,089,284	£946,678	£3,035,962	9.73%	£3,035,962
Glasgow Kelvin College	£500,000	£598,873	£1,098,873	3.52%	£1,098,873
Glasgow Region	£2,589,284	£2,881,639	£5,470,923	17.54%	£5,470,924
Percentage of National Allocation	14.21%	22.21%	17.54%		17.54%
Scotland	£18,224,000	£12,975,999	£31,199,999	100.00%	£31,200,000

¹ based on gross high priority backlog maintenance (college estates survey)

² based on share of volume target

Final teaching funding for job evaluation AY 2023-24

Table 6

College/Region (1)	AY 2019-20 final funding allocations £ (2)	of which is set aside for support staff & middle management job evaluation estimate £ (3)
City of Glasgow College	38,153,918	906,731
Glasgow Clyde College	30,614,492	662,761
Glasgow Kelvin College	21,092,888	417,765
Collaborative Projects	345,000	-
GCRB	464,999	-
Glasgow	90,671,297	1,987,257