
Performance and Resources Committee

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 15 March 2023
Paper Title	Decisions via Scheme of Delegation
Agenda Item	6
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Responsible Officer	Martin Boyle, Executive Director
Status	Disclosable
Action	For noting

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This agenda item provides committee with an overview report on the use of delegated authority and scheme of delegation.

1.2 During this period the Executive Director has made two additional allocations via the Scheme of Delegation.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The committee is asked to **note** the use of delegated authority via the scheme of delegation to progress allocations in relation to:

- £663,912 allocation to the Glasgow college region for Young Person's Guarantee 2022-23
- £136,000 of funding to the Glasgow college region for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023. In addition, allocation of remaining GCRB funding in this area of £18,950.

3. Background

- 3.1.** Under the procedure for the delegation of decision-making powers approved by the Board in June 2021, the Board Chair may decide, in consultation with the Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee, whether a decision on allocation of additional SFC funds may be made by the Executive Director, or the Performance & Resources Committee, or referred to the full Board.
- 3.2.** The Executive Director alerted the Board Chair to two SFC announcements in February concerning additional in-year funding for academic year 2022-2023.
- 3.3.** The Executive Director confirmed that the College Principals supported the proposed allocation of funds as non-contentious following consultation. On that basis, the Chair of the Board determined, noted by the PRC Chair, that the allocation is deemed non-contentious and the decision should be made and implemented by the Executive Director.
- 3.4.** In line with the agreed procedure, the Board was notified by email of the Executive Director's decision, and both the Board and the Performance and Resources Committee will note and record the decisions at their next meeting.
- 3.5** A more detailed report on each of the funding allocations has been saved onto BoardEffect for Members' reference as follows:

Counsellors: <https://gcrb.boardeffect.com/downloads/vfile/2410804>

YPG: <https://gcrb.boardeffect.com/downloads/vfile/2410807>

A summary of the funds' purposes and decisions made is provided below.

4. Report

4.1 Young Person's Guarantee 2022-23

£663,912 of funding has been provided to the Glasgow college region for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, with a full overview of projects included in the committee paper YPG Project Overview at this meeting.

4.2 Counsellor Funding

£136,000 of funding to the Glasgow college region for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023. This provides sufficient funding to employ 2.6 FTE counsellors. This is significantly lower than the amount provided in 2021-22 (£404,500) which was sufficient to employ 7.75 counsellors. It is noted that there is, therefore, an associated recommendation for 23-24 in the associated Programme of Action committee paper. This allocation also includes a small additional allocation of £18,950.

5. Risk and Compliance Analysis

- 5.1** The provision of funding in both YPG and student counsellor support provides direct action in relation to a number of GCRB identified risks.

6. Financial and Resource Analysis

6.1 The allocation of YPG funding is time constrained so there is some risk in achieving the full agreed activity as per proposal. There is associated reporting requirement to carefully monitor this.

7. Equalities Implications

7.1 Both funds seek to make direct positive impact on various protected characteristics, as outlined in project proposals and in the counsellor funding guidelines.

8. Learner Implications

8.1 Both funding allocations have direct benefit to learners, seeking to provide counselling support and also a wide range of new opportunities and interventions directly targeted at specific learner groups.