
Performance and Resources Committee

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Action	For Noting

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1.** This report compares actual income, and expenditure, for the academic year against the GCRB budget for 2021-22.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1.** The Committee is asked to note the actual outturn against budget for 2021-22.

3. GCRB Running Costs 2021-22

3.1. The table below provides a summary of income and expenditure for 2021-22.

	Year ending 31 July 2022		Original Budget 2021-22	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Allocated from Regional Grant	470		470	
Reallocated from Programme Budget	20		0	
Total		490		470
Expenditure				
Staffing	320		315	
Board Costs	107		94	
Audit	36		32	
Other	21		22	
Total		484		463
Surplus/(Deficit)		6		7

3.2. The funds reallocated from the Programme Budget reflect the decision of the Board on 25 April 2022. These additional funds are matched by the additional expenditure on Board Costs relating to legal advice, the investigation into matters relating to a previous board meeting and the interim Board Secretary.

4. GCRB Programme Costs 2021-22

4.1. The regional Programme of Action is part of the Outcome Agreement for 2021-22. The cost of delivering the programme is detailed in the table below:

	Year ending 31 July 2022		Original Budget 2021-22	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Allocated from Regional Grant	286		286	
SFC Strategic Funding	326		201	
Brought forward funding	0		60	
Reallocation to Running Costs	(20)		0	
Total		592		547
Expenditure – Strategic Funding¹				
Young Enterprise Scotland	171		201	
Gaelic	18		0	
Child Poverty	127		0	
Expenditure				
Action 4 Children	72		72	
Young Enterprise Scotland Extension	12		0	
ESOL	96		96	
Regional Review	0		72	
Togetherall/Mental Health	31		10	
Climate Change/Sustainability	68		100	
Total		595		551
Surplus/(Deficit)		(3)		(4)

4.2. The following variations to the regional Programme of Action are highlighted:

Income

- **SFC strategic funding** – has increased, primarily due to an expansion of the project with Young Enterprise Scotland. This project was funded at a higher level until 31 March 2022. Strategic funding has also increased as a result of the Child Poverty project being extended for a second year (into 2021-22), together with an additional allocation of funding for the provision of Gaelic studies and mental health.

¹ In addition to the 3 projects shown in this section, £10,000 of income for strategic funding was used as a contribution towards the cost of extending the Togetherall project to 31 July 2022.

Expenditure

- **Young Enterprise Scotland** – expenditure is matched by the additional strategic funding to 31 March 2022. The project has continued beyond 1 April 2022 but is now funded by the Scottish Government directly.
- **Gaelic** – additional expenditure on this project is matched by the extra strategic funding.
- **Child Poverty** – the project has been extended and, as a result, expenditure is in line with the project proposal.
- **Action for Children** – the project has operated successfully for three years and has attracted additional external funding from 1 August 2022.
- **Young Enterprise Scotland Extension** - the extension to the project was approved by the Executive Director and reported to the Board as a delegated decision.
- **ESOL** – funding continues to be provided by GCRB as in previous years.
- **Regional Review** – the budget was not required in 2021-22. However, a small amount of funding will be required to support the review in 2022-23.
- **Togetherall/Mental Health** – this expenditure reflects the extension of the on-line mental health support service up to 31 July 2022 (as approved by the GCRB Executive Director within the scheme of delegation).
- **Climate Change/Sustainability** – expenditure has been incurred on staff costs. However, the projects delivered to date have not required significant additional investment beyond the commitment of staff time.

5. Risk and Compliance Analysis

- 5.1.** There are no specific risks, or legal implications, associated with this report. The delivery of the regional programme of action addresses key elements of the strategic plan and mitigates some of the regional risks.

6. Financial and Resource Analysis

- 6.1.** The financial implications associated with the financial year 2021-22 are set out in the body of the report.

7. Equalities Implications

- 7.1.** The regional programme of action provides support to learners access college.

8. Learner Implications

- 8.1.** The resources utilised for the purpose of GCRB, and the regional Programme of Action, contributed to the achievement of the agreed learner outcomes in 2021-22.