
Performance and Resources Committee

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The attached report presents the final GCRB Budget for 2022-23, including the regional programme of action.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to consider the final GCRB Budget for 2022-23.

3. GCRB Running Costs 2022-23

3.1. The table below provides a summary of forecast income and expenditure for 2021-22. It provides a comparison of the indicative budget for 2022-23 compared with the original budget for 2021-22 and revised forecast.

	Final Budget 2022-23		Revised Forecast 2021-22		Original Budget 2021-22	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income						
Allocated from Regional Grant	496		470		470	
Reallocated from Programme Budget	0		20		0	
Total		496		490		470
Expenditure						
Staffing	322		315		315	
Board Costs	94		114		94	
Audit	35		35		32	
Other	45		22		22	
Total		496		486		463
Surplus/(Deficit)		-		4		7

3.2. The changes (2022-23 compared to 2021-22) are minimal for staffing, board costs and audit. The increased staffing costs reflect higher payroll costs (e.g. increased employers national insurance contributions and annual pay increases).

3.3. There are two changes to the budget for other expenditure. The first change is the introduction of a budget (£10k) for staff development and the second increase is an additional budget (£12k) to progress the communications and marketing strategy.

4. GCRB Programme Costs 2022-23

4.1. The regional Programme of Action is part of the Outcome Agreement for 2022-23. The outline project specifications are set out in the separate Outcome Agreement report elsewhere on the agenda. The potential cost of delivering next year's programme is outlined in the table below:

	Indicative Budget 2022-23		Revised Forecast 2021-22		Original Budget 2021-22	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income						
Allocated from Regional Grant	419		286		286	
SFC Strategic Funding ¹	0		316		201	
Brought forward funding	26		60		60	
Reallocation to Running Costs	0		(20)		0	
Total		445		642		547
Expenditure – Strategic Funding						
Young Enterprise Scotland	0		171		201	
Gaelic	0		18		0	
Child Poverty	0		127		0	
Expenditure – Other						
Action 4 Children	72		72		72	
Action 4 Children Extension	40		28		0	
Young Enterprise Scotland Extension	12		12		0	
ESOL	96		96		96	
Regional Review	20		0		72	
Curriculum/Strategic Plan	100		0		0	
Togetherall	0		14		0	
Mental Health	5		0		10	
Climate Change/Sustainability	100		78		100	
Total		445		616		551
Surplus/(Deficit)		0		26		(4)

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

Income

- **SFC strategic funding 2022-23** – will be included within the forecast if, and when, it is confirmed by SFC.
- **Brought forward funding** – reflects the latest forecast out-turn for 2021-22.

¹ Income and Expenditure (for Strategic Funded projects) to be confirmed once bid submissions have been considered by SFC.

Expenditure

- **Action 4 Children Extension** – the extension of the project beyond 2021-22 has been included in the regional programme.
- **Young Enterprise Scotland** – forecast expenditure is dependent upon SFC approving the applications for strategic funding. Work will take place to evolve the project in 2022-23.
- **Child Poverty** – the project was funded by SFC strategic funding in 2021-22. It had been anticipated that this project would end in 2021-22 but there is now an increased likelihood that the project will continue into 2022-23.
- **Gaelic** – forecast expenditure is dependent upon SFC approving the applications for strategic funding.
- **Regional Review** – there is an increased likelihood of activity taking place in conjunction with the Scottish Funding Council in 2022-23. An indicative budget of £20,000 has been set aside for this purpose.
- **Curriculum/Strategic Plan** – an indicative budget has been set aside for this purpose but further work will be required to develop the scope of work.
- **Togetherall** – the project will not continue beyond 31 July 2022. The future services will be delivered according to the needs of each college and its learners.
- **Mental Health** – a small amount of regional activity is envisaged in 2022-23.
- **Climate Change/Sustainability** – expenditure includes staff costs plus an additional amount relating to project expenditure. The fixed term project is currently planned until the end of 31 July 2023.

5. Risk and Compliance Analysis

- 5.1. There are no specific risks 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 2022-23 budget are set out in the body of the report.

7. Equalities Implications

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

8. Learner Implications

- 8.1. The resources utilised for the purpose of GCRB, and the regional Programme of Action, contribute to the achievement of the agreed learner outcomes in 2022-23.