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1	Business Planning	Vice Principal Operations & Vice Principal Learning & Quality	College Strategy  Supporting Strategies and Frameworks  College Operating Plan  Department Operational Plans  SMT PDRs	Operational Plans reviewed and approved by Vice Principals Progress Reports prepared in Year Curriculum Planning Workforce Planning	Strategy - high level annual review  TRCC  SMT  SMT/OMT/OMT Plus  Board Meetings - 5 per Annum  Executive Committee Meetings - as required  GCG/College Principals Group	IA - Business Development 2019/20  IA - Performance Reporting & KPIs 2021/22  IA - Publicity & Communications 2022/23  IA - Corporate Planning 2023/24  Education Scotland/HMIE  GCRB and SFC		Yes	
2	Financial Management (including Procurement & Student Funding)	Vice Principal Operations	Finance Strategy  Financial Regulations  Delegated authority  Policies & Procedures  Segregation of Duties  Financial reporting  Staff Training  APUC Support	Financial planning  Budget setting process  Quarterly Forecasting  Finance team compliance checks and reconciliations  Monthly Management Accounts  FFR  Accountants Monthly Budget Holder Meetings  Embedded Procurement - review of POs and Expenditure, weekly Meetings, staff training and support  Continuous Improvement	Monthly Finance SMT  Annual Report & Financial Statements  Quarterly oversight by Finance & Resources Committee  Audit & Risk Committee as appropriate  Board Approval of Budgets and Annual report and accounts and Quarterly Finance Update  Annual Expenditure Report - Procurement  Annual Procurement Strategy Review/Update  New 5 Year Operating Plan 2024-2029	IA - Procurement & Creditors/ Purchasing 2019/20 IA - Cash & Bank/Treasury Management IA - Budgetary Control & Financial Planning 2022/23 IA - Student Fees & Contracts/Registry 2023/24 IA - Bursary, Childcare & Hardship Funds - Annually Annual External audit GCRB & SFC Reporting		Yes	
3	Quality Learning & Teaching & Student Outcomes	Vice Principal Learning & Quality	Learning & Teaching & Assessment Strategy  College Quality Enhancement Arrangements  Regional Outcome Agreement  Staff Qualifications & Training  PDR Process	Support Service Quality Review  Regular Monitoring College Performance Targets & KPIs	SMT  Bi Weekly Quality Management Group  Quarterly Academic Board  Quarterly Oversight Learning & Teaching Committee  Reporting to Board as appropriate	IA - Student Recruitment & Retention 2019/20  IA - Quality Assurance 2022/23  IA - Student Support Audit 2022/23  IA - Curriculum Planning 2023/24  IA - Credits Audit - Annually  Education Scotland (HMIE) - Verification Visits & Inspections  Skills Development Scotland Audits  GCRB & SFC Reporting		Yes	



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4	Risk Management & Business Continuity	Director of Estates & Corporate Services	Risk Management Framework  Business Continuity Plan  Full embedded Risk Management System  Staff Training & Awareness	Quarterly Review of Team and Strategic Risk Registers  Project Risk Registers Reviewed Monthly  Table Top BC Exercises  Continuous Improvement	Risk Management Committee Incident Management Team Strategic Risk Register - Quarterly to SMT, RMC, Audit & Risk Committee; Twice a year to Board; once a year to F&R and L&T. Review of College Risk Appetite Levels	IA - Business Continuity 2019/20 IA - Risk Management 2023/24 GCRB		Yes	
5	Estates & Project Works	Vice Principal Operations	Estates & Sustainability Strategy  Delegated Authority  Public Procurement  Staff Training  Buildings Insurance	Budget Setting & Prioritising  Operational Plan  Annual Workplan  Campus Walkrounds  Helpdesk Monitors  Contractor Management  Continuous Improvement	SMT  Estates & Sustainability Working Group Risk Management Committee  Project Working Groups/External Project Manager as appropriate  Quarterly oversight by Finance & Resources Committee  Audit & Risk Committee as appropriate  GCG/Regional Sustainability Group  Full Condition Surveys - All Campuses July 2024	IA - Estates Strategy/Capital Project 2021/22 IA - Asset/Fleet Management 2021/22 GCRB & SFC Reporting		Yes	
6	Human resources (including Organisational Development, Wellbeing & Equality, Diversity & Inclusion)	Director of People & Culture	People & Culture Strategy Policies & Procedures Directors & Officers Insurance Staff Training	Monthly Finance Meetings  Regular Review of Policies & Procedures  Absence Monitoring  Improved HR Systems  Regular Reporting  OHS Referrals  Occupational Health Checks  Expert Advice - Legal/Other  PDR Process  Continuous Improvement  Workforce Planning	SMT TRCC Equality Committee  Monthly Union Meetings - EIS/FELA and Unison Quarterly JNCC Meetings Quarterly oversight by Finance & Resources Committee  Audit & Risk Committee and Board as appropriate  GCG/Regional Sustainability Group	IA - Sickness Absence 2020/21  IA - Payroll 2022/23  IA - Staff Development 2023/24  Public Sector Equality Duties (PSED) Report  College Employers Scotland (CES)  HMRC  Pension Schemes		Yes	



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7	Governance & Legislative Compliance (including Health & Safety, FOI, GDPR, Safeguarding, etc)	Principal, Director of Estates & Corporate Services & Health & Safety Manager	Governance & Compliance Framework  Policies & Procedures  Directors & Officers Insurance  Appropriate Training, eg Workrite	Monitoring and control of FOI, Complaints and GDPR issues  Workrite Health & Safety Risk Management  Safeguarding monitoring and Reporting.  Continuous Improvement	Data Protection Privacy Network Safeguarding Group/Champions Health & Safety Committee Quarterly oversight by Finance & Resources Committee Audit & Risk Committee and Board as appropriate	IA - Corporate Governance 2020/21  IA - Data Protection 2021/22  IA - Health & Safety Audit 2022/23  Externally Facilitated Effectiveness Review (EFER)  HEFESTIS  Information Commissioners Office (FOI)  Scottish Public Sector Ombudsman (Complaints)  OSCR Reporting  Reporting to Arms Length Foundation  Standards Commission		Yes	
8	Digital Services & Cyber Security	Director of Digital Services	Policies & Procedures Procurement Admin Controls Technical Controls Digital Services Strategy Cyber Insurance Staff Qualifications & Training	Operational Planning Renewal of ICT Assets - hardware/software Regular Security Updates Daily Back-ups Penetration Testing Cyber Essential Scheme Continuous Improvement	SMT  Oversight by Finance & Resources and Audit & Risk Committee as appropriate  Annual Board update on Digital Strategy  GCG/Regional Sustainability Group  JISC Review of College Infrastructure	IA - IT Network Arrangements 2020/21 IA - Cyber Security 2022/23 IA - Systems Development/Implementation 2023/24 CISO Network Scottish Government - Cyber Resilience Framework		Yes	
9	Fraud	Vice Principal Operations & Finance Manager	NFI Initiative  Anti Bribery and Anti Fraud Policies  Procurement controls  Anti Bribery/Anti Corruption Training  Cyber Security Training  Other Training as required	Noted as Risk on Finance Team Risk Register - mitigating actions noted and monitored.  Segregation of Duties  Regular Reconciliations  Delegated Authority  Matrix Approval System - workflow built into Systems  Bank Modulus Checks	SMT NFI results reported to Audit & Risk Committee every two years.	Internal Audit - inherent in all Audits External Audit - cover NFI and Fraud as part of the External Audit remit NFI every two years		Yes	



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10	Sustainability & Net Zero	Director of Estates & Corporate Services & Sustainability Manager	Estates & Sustainability Strategy  Policies & Procedures  Directors & Officers Insurance  Raising Awareness	Operational Plan  Climate Change Action Plan - Actions  Race to Zero - Actions  Staff & Student Engagement  College Sustainability Champions Group	College Environmental Champions Group  Estates & Sustainability Working Group  SMT  Quarterly oversight by Finance & Resources Committee  Reports to Board and Arms Length Foundation as required  GCG/Regional Sustainability Group	IA - Environmental Sustainability  Public Sector Climate Change Duties Report - Annual Report  Climate Change Action Plan - Annual  Race to Zero - Annual Report		Yes	

Key: RAG rating on the effectiveness of controls from assurance work undertaken

**LOW:** Significant concerns over the adequacy/effectiveness of the controls in place in proportion to the risks

MEDIUM: Some areas of concern over the adequacy/effectiveness of the controls in place in proportion to the risk

HIGH: Controls in place assessed as adequate/effective and in proportion to the risks

Insufficient information at present to judge the adequacy/effectiveness of controls

N/A - No Action Required