

Glasgow Kelvin College

Board of Management Meeting - 7 October 2021

Scottish Funding Council Review Update Report

Report by Principal

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the latest information available regarding progress relating to the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC's) Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability, [Link](#), and the associated Glasgow Colleges Regional Board's (GCRB's) Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability of Glasgow College Region.

2. Timeline

20 October 2020	<i>Coherence and Sustainability: A review of Scotland's Colleges and Universities Phase one Report: Insights to Develop Further (Phase One Report)</i>
18 December 2020	Submission of Glasgow Kelvin College's: <i>A Collaborative Vision for Glasgow</i>
20 January 2021	Chair's, Principals and Executive Director meeting
26 February	GCRB's Chairs and Principals - Phase two workshop
15 March 2021	Chair's, Principals and Executive Director meeting
24 March 2021	<i>Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability: Progress Update (Phase Two Report)</i>
29 March 2021	GCRB's Phase 2: Board Workshop with SFC
03 June 2021	Chair's, Principals and Executive Director meeting
29 June 2021	<i>Coherence and Sustainability: A Review of Tertiary Education and Research (Phase Three Report)</i>
09 August 2021	Chair's, Principals and Executive Director meeting
August 2021	GCRB publish to engage external consultants to facilitate a full options appraisal.
27 August 2021	GCRB inform that the tender process had been unsuccessful with no consultant being appointed.
September 2021	GCRB redraft and reissue invitation to tender.....

3. Update

Currently we await an update from GCRB to confirm the outcome of the second round of tendering for consultants to facilitate a full options appraisal. GCRB suggest that the options appraisal process is unlikely to be complete until January / February 2022.

With regards to Scottish Government's (SG's) response to SFC's *Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability*, informal discussions with SG officials suggest that the Minister still intends to issue a response at the end of September / beginning of October.

To date the College has had no further direct engagement with GCRB or SG in this ongoing process. GCRB await appointment of consultants and initiation of an options appraisal while SG await a formal response from the Minister.

4. Risk and Assurance

There remains a potential future long-term threat to the College's ability to continue delivery of key strategic priorities as articulated within the College's vision, purpose, values and ethos in the event of a regional governance structure that is contrary to the delivery of those priorities. However, members should receive assurance from the strong and consistent voice and pursuance of sound proposals being driven forward by those representing the College.

5. Equality

No negative impacts on people with protected characteristics have been identified as a consequence of this paper.

6. Data Protection

There are no direct data protection implications as a consequence of this paper.

7. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the contents of this update report.

8. Further Information

Members can obtain further information on the contents of this report from Derek Smeall, Principal – dsmeall@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk

DSm, October 2021