

Glasgow Kelvin College

Board of Management Meeting of 12 June 2024

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 March 2024

Report by Director of Estates and Corporate Services

1. Introduction

Glasgow Kelvin College is required to report annually under the terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 on both formal Participation Requests and Asset Transfer Requests.

The purpose of this report is to satisfy the reporting requirements set by the Act for the year ended 31 March 2024.

2. Community Involvement

Glasgow Kelvin College considers itself to be a community-based organisation which serves, and is integral to, communities predominantly in the North and East of Glasgow. The College is a registered charity and engages with the communities it serves in a wide variety of ways. These include:

- Over this reporting period, offered access to College Campus buildings for community groups within the terms of its letting policy;
- The operation of a community learning network with 32 community-based learning centres which provide free access to the internet and other ICT resources to local people;
- Senior staff participation in statutory community planning frameworks;
- Provision of support for local charitable organisations through enabling College staff to participate as trustees on Boards;
- Working in partnership with a wide variety of organisations and funders to deliver public services, including:
 - Glasgow City Council;
 - The Wheatley Group;
 - Glasgow East Arts Company;
 - Glasgow Colleges Regional Board;
 - Department of Work and Pensions;
 - Glasgow Community Planning Partnership;
 - The Glasgow Chinese School;
 - The Glasgow Russian School;
 - The Levensat Trust;
 - Lighthouse Chapel;
 - Glasgow Folkmusic Workshop;
 - Young Enterprise Scotland;
 - Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

- Scottish Funding Council;
- British Council;
- Play Netball
- Skills Development Scotland, and
- Cycling Scotland.

The College seeks to operate in a way which enables local community groups and community leaders to engage with the College to influence the services it provides, including how our services are delivered and their effectiveness evaluated.

Recognising the strategic importance of working in partnership, the College Board of Management have identified partnership working as a strategic priority, which contributes to the overall framework for the College approach to partnership working.

As a consequence of its open, transparent and flexible approach, the College considers it unlikely that local organisations would seek to engage with the College through the formal exercising of the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The College also seeks to provide a wider report on its Corporate Social Responsibility performance as part of its published annual report.

3. Participation Requests 2023/24

Number of Participation Requests Received: 0

4. Asset Transfer Requests 2023/24

Number of Asset Transfer Requests Received: 0

5. Summary

As in previous years, the College has not received any formal requests under the terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 between 01 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. The College has continued to work closely with a wide range of partners in the communities served by the College to deliver best value and effective public services. It has also sought to enable community organisations to access the publicly funded facilities managed by the College wherever practicable.

6. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications identified as a consequence of this report.

7. Impact on Students

There is no direct impact on students in relation to this report.

8. Risk and Assurance

This report seeks to provide members with assurance that the College continues to meet regulatory reporting requirements.

9. Equality

No adverse impacts on individuals with protected characteristics have been identified as a consequence of this report.

10. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising as a consequence of this report.

11. Environmental and Sustainability

There are no new environmental and sustainability matters arising from the contents of this report.

12. Further Information

Further information can be obtained from Lisa Clark, Director of Estates and Corporate Services - lisaclark@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk

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