

**GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE**  
**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING OF 01 MARCH 2021**  
**UPDATE REPORT**  
**REPORT BY PRINCIPAL**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of key activity and events considered by the Principal to be noteworthy or of particular interest to members.

This report will cover the eleven-week period from the last Board of Management meeting held on Monday 07 December 2020 until Friday 19 February 2021.

**2. Key Events in the Ongoing Management of COVID-19**

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework (last Update 30 October 2020). This is due for an update expected to be announced by the First Minister on Tuesday 23 February 2021 – The College continue to be fully compliant.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): universities, colleges, and student accommodation providers (last Update 10 February 2021) – The College continue to be fully compliant

The College remains in an operating state of “lockdown” since 11 January 2021 in response to the First Minister’s “*stay at home...*” direction.

The College has been working closely with Local Government and Scottish Government officials to facilitate the establishment of both short term and long term COVID-19 testing facilities for the people of Easterhouse adjacent to our Easterhouse Campus.

The Furlough Scheme extension is expected to come to an end by the end of April. A small number of College staff remain on furlough dependant on operational need / restriction.

Most recent discussions with Scottish Government officials and Ministers via Colleges Scotland Principal’s Group suggest that:

- Students currently engaged in remote online learning may not expect to return to any form of on campus face to face delivery by the end of AY 20/21.
- Students considered to be high priority for future access to face to face provision (e.g. essential, practical workshop or lab work) may not receive such provision until after the Easter Break in April.

COVID-19: Information for the education sector, including related ministerial communications sent to the University and college sectors, can be accessed here at: <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/COVID-19/COVID-19-education.aspx>

### **3. Key Activity & Events**

#### Events:

- Online virtual graduation ceremony
- GKC submission to GCRB's call for evidence regarding SFC's HE & FE review
- Monday 11 March, College moves into "lockdown"
- Principal's All staff discussion sessions
- Quality enhancement & development day

#### Partnership meetings:

- North East Sector Partnership Board
- Glasgow Colleges Group (GCG)
- Colleges Scotland, College Principal's Group (CPG)
- Colleges Scotland, Finance & Funding Committee
- Glasgow East Arts Company (GEAC) Board

#### Stakeholder engagement:

- Bob Doris MSP.
- Social Care Class Meeting (Students working on the care home front line).
- Davy Thompson, White Ribbon Scotland.
- GCRB Board
- GCRB Nominations & Remuneration Committee (N&R)
- GCRB Performance & Resources Committee (P&R)
- GCRB Chairs, Principals and Executive Director (CPED)
- GCRB Executive meetings

### **4. Risk and Assurance**

There is no impact on Risk or Assurance associated with this report.

### **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](mailto:dsmeall@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk)

**DSm, March 2021**