

CIWG Action Plan, Revised 23 May 2017

The CIWG met on Friday 3 February and revised in light of feedback from Council and the Skills Committee. The redeveloped action plan is presented below.

Supporting College Innovation

Action Reference	Barrier/Issue / Opportunity	Solution	Further actions / Work required to implement solution	Work to Date	Lead for Action	Timeframe for delivery
A1	Review the funding arrangements for ICs to allow better/more engagement with colleges	Ensure ICs have a clear mechanism by which they can support working with colleges	SFC should consider current IC funding arrangements and how they can be amended to allow ICs and Colleges to work together Clarification of ERDF Funding situation in relation to SFC strategic intervention to support ICs to engage with colleges.	Discussions are underway to ascertain how SEEKIT funding may be accessed to help further engagement along with other activities.	Stephen Good CIC with Sophie Lowry SFC	Deadline: 13 March 2017 - ongoing
A2	Redevelop the Innovation Vouchers for	Help make IVs more attractive for colleges to use and	Review how IVs can be more attractive to colleges and confirm how	Interface discussions with Colleges;	Andrew Youngson SFC	

	colleges and confirm funding arrangements / budget source	review current funding arrangements to ensure they are fit for purpose	they are funded by the SFC and from which budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new Innovation Voucher applications from colleges since August 2016, although we are aware of a number in preparation. - A round table discussion with senior staff involved in business development activities along with curriculum leaders/heads from across all colleges will be convened to work out where the barriers lie and whether solutions may be more easily sought by applying for Innovation Vouchers. - SFC/Interface College Innovation Vouchers 'Call to Action' – event on 15 June at CDN - Fact finding event for feedback to SFC/CIWG for IV further development 	<p>Gary Bannon SFC</p> <p>Interface Siobhan Jordan</p>	<p>Deadline: In progress</p>
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Coordinating College Innovation

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B1	Consider potential models for cross-sectoral partnerships, including the potential of current national models such as the Energy Skills Partnership	Support CS and Principals to identify priority areas and industry drivers	Work with CPWG to identify possible sectoral/industry/stakeholder partnerships	AC has spoken to the CPWG and has round table support for the College Innovation work. Jim Brown of Energy Skills Partnership to meet with with SFC on the Skills agenda.	Jim Brown ESP Andre Reibig – SFC Individual TBC SDS Grant Ritchie - DAC	Immediate – to find out current engagement Deadline: March 2017 Longer term – to establish models Deadline: May 2017
B2	Build upon existing colleges groups and networks and integrate them with ICs, HEIs and other initiatives in the innovation landscape eg Sporting chance,	Identify if/how existing grouping might work to support / develop this agenda	Identify all pertinent colleges networks and groups and engage them in the colleges innovation discussions, seek their input	- Scotland Food and Drink in conjunction with Interface are holding an event on 14 th June on Scotland Food and Drink’s newly launched Strategy - “Ambition 2030”	Audrey Cumberland	After next CPWG March 2017

	Textiles Future Forum, Interface Sector engagement			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representation from colleges has been sought [via Colleges Scotland] along with HEIs and Research Institutes to contribute to the discussions on how academia can support the Innovation priorities outlined in the new strategy . - Mapping exercise of cross sectoral working which is being pulled together by Shona Struthers (Colleges Scotland) currently with Jim Metcalfe (CDN) for comment. 		
B3	Continue to encourage each college to identify capacity to engage with businesses via the pan Scotland specialist facilities platform	Identify specialist facilities	Work with each college to identify appropriate facilities that can be promoted to businesses	CiTB to invite CIWG members to next business Forum where there will be opportunity to engage with Industry	Siobhan Jordan Interface	Deadline; April 2017

B4	Engage with Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at Student Level	Mapping exercise to asses level of activity currently underway	Use relevant stakeholders, Bridge to Business and SIE to engage and ascertain the current state of play and where the gaps are evident	Ongoing	<i>Grant Ritchie – DAC</i> Morven Cameron HIE	Deadline: June 2017
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The CIWG discussed Communicating College Innovation and felt that an overarching communications plan should be developed, as per Action C1. Actions C2 – C6 will be part of the communications plan, but are given below for ease of reference. Timeframes are indicative but subject to review as part of the development of the communications plan.

Communicating College Innovation

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C1	Improved recognition and visibility of college innovation activities through co-ordinated communications	Develop an overarching communications plan for the College Innovation agenda	<p>Convene a working group to liaise with College/SFC/Stakeholder communications teams to co-ordinate promotion of college innovation</p> <p>Explore resources within Colleges to support joint marketing and communications on a pan-Scotland basis</p>	<p>To be established – ongoing work.</p> <p>See C3 for previous and future led activity</p>	CIWG TBC, Stephen Crowe SFC	Deadline: April 2017 TBC
C2	Wider recognition of College Innovation	RSE to be brought in to assist with the high level communication's strategy	CIWG members to liaise with RSE to identify opportunities for profile raising and further promotion	RSE have agreed to further support this agenda following a presentation given to the RSE by AC.	Stephen Crowe SFC Audrey Cumberland CIWG Andrew Youngson SFC	Deadline: April 2017 – ongoing
C3	National Overview report/communication with associated case	Draw together key information	Identify any existing information that can be used and address any gaps for further data collection	Ongoing	Andrew Youngson SFC Morven	

	studies e.g. College support to businesses, Innovation Vouchers				Pritchard SFC Candy Munro CDN	Deadline: April 2017 - ongoing
C4	Sharing Information on innovative college activities	Identify 'Innovation Champions' within the sector and work with CDN/ESP to share practice and information	Identify colleges who have developed opportunities creatively, or tackled issues, that might be shared more widely with others.	Feb 2017 - CDN – Led ICs event with Curriculum Mangers. Highlighting of the work of the ICs' was well received	Andrew Youngson SFC Morven Pritchard SFC	Deadline: April 2017 - ongoing
C5	Sharing Information on innovative college activities	Decide whether a Conference to highlight College Innovation and best practice would be valuable	Identify colleges who have developed opportunities creatively, or tackled issues, that might be shared more widely with others.	Ongoing	Andrew Youngson SFC Morven Pritchard SFC	Deadline: March 2017
C6	Improved recognition and visibility of college innovation activities	Host innovation events/ workshops to share best practice within the sector and with other stakeholders	Liaise with sector, stakeholders and CDN/ESP	SFC Innovation Event held at the Parliament to highlight Innovation, MSP Shirley-Anne Somerville and MSP Ross Greer spoke favourably of College led innovation work. The James Frew / West College Scotland case study was promoted at the Scottish	CDN and CS TBC with SFC support	Deadline: throughout 2017 exact dates TBC

				<p>Work to Date (cont)</p> <p>Funding Council's PechaKucha Scottish Innovation event in the Scottish Parliament on the 23rd March.</p> <p>AC – asked to join the Enterprise & Skills Review group, Innovation Workstream –first meeting on 29 March 2017</p> <p>Presentation on CIWG given to Colleges Scotland Event – presentation on College Innovation -31 March</p> <p>CIWG now has a presence on the Can Do Action Plan</p> <p>AC has attended the Innovation Forum on 6 June highlighting work of CIWG</p> <p>September College Innovation launch event – due to take place on 11 September in tandem with the opening of the CSIC</p>		
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Key to abbreviations in table

CPWG: College Principals Working Group, SFC: Scottish funding Council, CDN: College Development Network, CS: Colleges Scotland
ICs: Innovation Centres, IVs: Innovation Vouchers, RKEC: Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (SFC), ONS: Office of National Statistics, CSIS:
Construction Scotland Innovation Centre, ESP: Energy Skills Partnership, WCS: West College Scotland, DAC: Dundee and Angus College, FVC: Forth
Valley College