



Action Plan responding to recommendations from Audit Scotland

Purpose

- 1 This paper provides an update on how the recommendations from four Audit Scotland reports are being addressed.

Background

- 2 During the latter half of 2016, Audit Scotland published four reports to which SFC was asked to respond:
 - 'Audit of higher education in Scottish universities'¹
 - 'Scotland's colleges 2016'²
 - '2014-15 audit of Edinburgh College'³
 - '2014-15 audit of Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board'⁴
- 3 SFC provided a full response to the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee on all four reports on 29 September 2016. A copy of the response is available on the Committee's webpages⁵. The detailed text of the response is also contained within the annex to this paper.

Action plan

- 4 The Council executive subsequently prepared an action plan to manage the Council's response to the recommendations. A copy of the current version of the action plan is provided in the annex to this paper, which includes:
 - The text of Audit Scotland's recommendations
 - The text of SFC's specific responses

¹ <http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/audit-of-higher-education-in-scottish-universities>

² <http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/scotlands-colleges-2016>

³ <http://audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/the-201415-audit-of-edinburgh-college>

⁴ <http://audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/the-201415-audit-of-glasgow-colleges-regional-board>

⁵ Paper PAPLS/S5/16/5/8 within the papers for the Committee's meeting on 6 October 2016 - <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/102859.aspx>

- The specific actions which we subsequently developed (but which were **not** included in our response to the Committee), shown in boxed text.

Recommendations

- 5 The Council is invited to note the attached action plan and progress against it.

Financial implications

- 6 There are no direct financial implications associated with this paper.

Publication

- 7 This paper and its annex will be published in edited format on the Council website following the Council meeting.

Further information

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