



Scottish Funding Council

Promoting further and higher education

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Use of delegated authority

Purpose

- To report the Chief Executive's use of delegated authority during the period 1 December 2016 until 28 February 2017.

Recommendation

- Note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority from 1 December 2016 until 28 February 2017, under the Council's scheme of delegation.

Use of delegated authority

Purpose

1. This paper asks Council to note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority during the period 1 December 2016 until 28 February 2017.

Background

2. At its meeting on 18 December 2015, Council agreed a revised scheme of delegation (SFC/15/67).

Money	'Risk'	Decided by
Up to £500,000	Low/Medium/High	Chief Executive
£500,001 to £5M	Low/Medium	Chief Executive
£500,001 to £5M	High	Council board
Above £5M	All	Council board

Use of delegated authority

3. Under the scheme of delegation in operation the Chief Executive has approved the following actions under delegated authority from the Council.

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Capital funds

4. No capital funds were approved under delegated authority during this period.

FE programme funds

Grant Line/project	Delegation Element	Amount	Identified Risk
Effective Institutions: Lanarkshire Region Additional Funding for ESF activity	General delegated authority, on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 5 December 2016	£1,106,700 over Academic Years 2016-17 to 2017-18	Low
Effective Institutions: Edinburgh College Business transformation plan funding phase 2	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group (agreed by correspondence)	£560k in Financial Year 2016-17	Medium
Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework	General delegated authority, on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 12 January 2017	£600,000 over Academic Years 2017-18 to 2019-20. FE share is £200,000 over three years.	Low
ESF Developing Scotland's Workforce 1617	Specific delegated authority. These offers of ESF funding/activity are set out in the Final Outcome Agreement Funding allocations for 2016-17 (and is the 2 nd year of funding under the DSW programme).	£4,282,241 over Financial Years 2016-17 to 2017-18	Low

HEI programme funds

Grant Line/project	Delegation Element	Amount	Identified Risk
Industry/Academia Links: Cancer Innovation Challenge	General delegated authority, on advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 7 November 2016	£1,000,000 over Academic Years 2016-17 and 2017-18	Medium
Diversity & Specialism: Royal Conservatoire of Scotland pre-HE Widening Access Initiative: Transitions 20/40	General delegated authority, on advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 1 August 2016	£1,728,000 over Academic Years 2017-18 to 2019-20	Low
Global Challenges Research Fund	General delegated authority	£2,000,000 in Academic Year 2016-17. Funding offered by Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	Low
Innovation Centres: Digital Health Institute Phase 2	General delegated authority, on advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 5 December 2016	£3,000,000 over Academic Years 2016-17 to 2017-18	Medium
Effective Institutions: Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework	General delegated authority, on advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 12 January 2017	£600,000 over Academic Years 2017-18 to 2019-20. HE share is £400,000 over three years.	Low
Employability & Skills: Scottish Graduate School of Social Science	General delegated authority, on the advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 12 January 2017	£600,000 over Academic Years 2017-18 to 2022-23	Low

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Access: Access to High Demand Professions	General delegated authority, on the advice of the Strategic Funding Group, 12 January 2017	£1,978,041 over Academic Years 2017-18 to 2019-20	Low

Publication

5. This paper will be published, in edited form on the SFC website following the Council meeting. The highlighted text is withheld from publication under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 33, Commercial interests and the economy.

Recommendation

6. The Council is asked to note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority from 1 December 2016 until 28 February 2017, under the Council's scheme of delegation.

Further information

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