

Finance Committee minutes

The sixteenth meeting of the Finance Committee of the SFC was held on Tuesday 23 January 2018, 10.00am, at 99 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh.

Present: Marlene Wood (Chair)
Douglas Mundie
Anton Muscatelli

Officers: Gavin Bruce
Michael Cross
Stuart Fancey
John Kemp
Martin Kirkwood (items 18/05 to 18/08)
Lorna MacDonald
Gordon McBride
Sheila Meehan (Clerk)
Fiona O'Neill
Martin Smith

In attendance: Kerry Twyman (Scottish Government)
Audrey Parfinowska (Scottish Government)
Danielle Hennessy (Scottish Government)

18/01 Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and officers to the meeting.

18/02 Chair's business: Papers for discussion and declarations of interest

The Chair reminded members, and those in attendance, of their responsibility to indicate if they have, or may be perceived to have, a conflict of interest under any item.

The following members noted potential conflicts of interest:

- Anton Muscatelli for papers FC/18/03 and FC/18/07, in relation to the University of Glasgow.
- John Kemp, in relation to Fife College (indirect).
- Douglas Mundie, in relation to occasional consultancy work in the college and university sectors, specifically the University of St Andrews.

18/03 Minutes of previous meeting, 28 November 2017 (FC/17/Min06)

The minutes of the 28 November 2017 meeting were **agreed** as a true record of the meeting.

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The Committee stated that some papers had been received very late. The Council executive apologised for this and noted that this was far from ideal. Budget priorities and funding assumptions were confirmed by Scottish Government on 22 January 2018.

18/04 Matters arising (FC/18/01)

The Committee received and noted the paper and actions taken since the last meeting.

18/05 European Social Funds update (FC/18/05)

The Committee received a paper providing an update on European Social Fund (ESF) programmes that SFC is participating in as Lead Partner.

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18/06 Financial Year 2017-18 year to date and projected spend (FC/18/02)

The Committee received a paper presenting the financial monitoring information for the Financial Year (FY: April – March) 2017-18 for HE, FE and SFC Admin Revenue (RDEL) funds and HE, FE and SFC Admin Capital (CDEL) funds.

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18/07 Ministerial Letter of Guidance (Oral)

The Committee received an oral update on the Ministerial Letter of Guidance.

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18/08 University Indicative Outcome Agreement Funding Allocations for AY 2018-19 (FC/18/03)

The Committee received a paper setting out the indicative budget plans and allocations for universities in 2018-19 following the Scottish Government's draft budget announcement on 14 December 2017.

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18/09 College Indicative Outcome Agreement Funding Allocations for AY 2018-19 (FC/18/04)

The Committee received a paper setting out the indicative budget plans and allocations for colleges in 2018-19 following the Scottish Government's draft budget announcement on 14 December 2017.

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18/10 National Bargaining update (Oral)

The Committee received an oral update on National Bargaining.

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18/11 In-year redistribution Student Support funds (FC/18/06)

The Committee received a paper providing an update on the in-year redistribution of student support funding for 2017-18.

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18/12 Clawback and penalties for funded student places in AY 2016-17 (FC/18/07)

The Committee received a paper setting out the position for colleges and universities relating to over and under-recruitment in AY 2016-17, following the analysis of final student numbers.

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18/13 Outcome of Rurality Funding consultation (FC/18/08)

The Committee received a paper providing a summary of the responses to the recent consultation on rurality funding.

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18/14 Long term agenda (FC/18/09)

The Committee received and noted proposed agenda items for future meetings of the Committee.

18/15 Finance Committee reporting to the Council Board (Oral)

The Committee **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting and the Financial Year 2017-18 year to date and projected spend paper, be provided to the Council Board at its 1 February 2018 meeting, along with updated Indicative Funding, and Outcome of Rurality Funding consultation papers.

18/16 Next meeting

18 April 2018, 10.00am