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Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2018-19

GLASGOW COLLEGES' REGIONAL BOARD 2018-19

Chair's Foreword

It is my pleasure to introduce the annual report and consolidated financial statements for the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB).

This report outlines this year's impressive progress in developing the capacity, structures and effective relationships needed to deliver the high quality and coherent college system that Glasgow and its learners deserve.

The Glasgow College Region represents just over one-fifth of all of Scotland's college education and we are working well towards our vision of being Scotland's most inclusive, responsive and effective regional college system.

Recent examples of our collective achievements include:

- working with the Glasgow colleges and regional stakeholders to develop Glasgow's first Regional Strategy for College Education;
- coordinating and delivering Regional Outcome Agreement goals, improving levels of learner attainment, successful progression into work or study, and access for learners from deprived postcodes and for those furthest from the labour market;
- increasing the alignment of skills training to employment needs, including significantly increasing the volume of childcare learning opportunities;
- improving business productivity through a regional approach to the Flexible Workforce Development Fund with more than 100 employers and nearly 5,000 employees successfully engaged;
- establishing a regional collaborative management structure, with Regional Leads for areas such as professional development, curriculum planning, student support, student data services and the Senior Phase;
- developing regional funding arrangements to align Glasgow's capital expenditure with areas of greatest regional need and to support regional efficiencies;
- initiating cross-region Board collaboration on issues such as risk management, GDPR, cyber-security and increasing diversity on boards; and
- implementing engagement structures which offer 'one door' access for our stakeholders.

Our achievements are a direct result of committed collaboration between the GCRB, the colleges and all our stakeholders. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to this year's success and all those who continue to work towards fulfilling our ambitions for Glasgow, its colleges and its learners.

Janie McCusker
GCRB Chair
27 January 2020

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A) THE PERFORMANCE REPORT

SECTION 1. OVERVIEW

This Performance Report provides information on the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB), its main objectives and strategies and the principal risks that it faces. The report contains a statement of the purposes and activities of the organisation, a statement from the Interim Executive Director providing their perspective on the performance of the organisation over the period, an overview of the key issues and risks that could affect the entity in delivering its objectives, and a performance summary.

GCRB is satisfied it has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and therefore, a going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.1 Purposes and Activities of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB)

The GCRB is a regional strategic body established by the Further & Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (as amended by the Post 16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013). Our role is to secure the coherent provision of a high quality of fundable further and higher education across the Glasgow college region and our functions include:

- improvement of regional economic and social well-being;
- planning of college education;
- funding of the three Glasgow colleges;
- performance monitoring;
- promotion of collaboration and sharing of good practice;
- good governance and compliance;
- efficiency studies;
- promotion of the SFC's Credit and Qualification Framework;
- appointment of its own Board members (with approval by Ministers); and
- appointment of Board members of the three assigned colleges.

SFC granted GCRB fully-operational fundable body status on 1 April 2017 and it launched its first Glasgow Region Strategy for College Education in October 2017. The mission of the strategy is to deliver life-changing learning through an efficient and effective regional college system which widens access, meets the needs of employers, and improves regional and national prosperity.

GCRB operates with a small executive team and funds its three assigned colleges, City of Glasgow College, Glasgow Clyde College and Glasgow Kelvin College, to deliver high quality further and higher education. Accountability is underpinned through agreement to a Financial Memorandum, the Regional Outcome Agreement, College's Scotland Code of Good Governance, and other associated governance documentation.

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1.2 GCRB Executive Director Statement of Performance

GCRB has set high ambitions for itself, for Glasgow's colleges and learners and for the city region as a whole.

This annual report demonstrates that the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board is making substantial progress towards its aim of building Scotland's most inclusive, most responsive and most effective regional college education service.

The Glasgow College Region is working collaboratively to progress an integrated regional curriculum with each college offering learning opportunities, developing skills, meeting the needs of employers and key industries, and supporting the growth of our regional economy.

Through regional planning we have increased the volume of teaching activity delivered to learners residing in Scotland's 10% most deprived neighbourhoods to almost one third. In response to the higher than average levels of residents with low or no qualifications, we have increased the volume of our curriculum at Further Education levels.

Annual college level targets, set out within the Regional Outcome Agreement, continue to ensure the right provision in the right place across the region, making best possible use of colleges' resources and facilities. This means that we can respond to regional skills' needs with a regional provision – using colleges' specific and collective strengths – to create choices and opportunities for learners and employers and ensure our curriculum grows in line with the Glasgow region economy. We have also increased the amount of learning we provide in community-based locations, to bring colleges closer to people who are furthest away from the labour market.

This Annual Report highlights the work by the Glasgow colleges to deliver on these aspirations, and support continued improvements in student outcomes, both in terms of attainment and progression to positive post-course destinations.

Attainment data from 2018-19 shows that three quarters of all students who enrolled on courses in Glasgow, successfully passed, with over 97% of full-time students successfully progressing to work or further study. In a context of a challenging social and economic environment, these figures are clear evidence that the Glasgow college region is addressing the attainment gap.

Our new regional strategy is also delivering enhanced opportunities for professional development and for staff from across the region to support each other in their work, helping them to improve services for our learners, and through this, to make a bigger difference to the economic and social wellbeing of the Glasgow college region.

In conclusion, this report highlights the significant progress made by the Glasgow college region to deliver life-changing college learning through an efficient and effective regional college system which widens access, meets the needs of employers, and improves regional and national prosperity. The achievements listed were delivered collectively by the colleges and GCRB, combining our resources and working together in the interests of Glasgow and its people. This is how the colleges and GCRB realise regional added value.

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1.3 Key Issues and Risks for GCRB

GCRB's risk register has been redeveloped continuously to review and strengthen our assessment and management of regional risks. Risk management is reviewed at each meeting of the Board and all risks were reviewed during the year ending 31 July 2019 and are outlined below:

- A failure to respond proactively to macro-economic changes e.g. economic downturn, political changes.
- The impact of Brexit has an adverse impact on college education in Glasgow.
- Working relationships with key stakeholders and/or the Glasgow college region (e.g. students, staff, and board members) are not managed effectively.
- The reputation of Further Education in Glasgow is damaged.
- Opportunities are missed to add value via the strategic plan.
- The curriculum offer does not effectively meet regional economic and social needs (e.g. widening access).
- The quality of Learning and Teaching falls below the required standard.
- Financial sustainability is jeopardised by a reduction in funding and/or an increase in costs.
- A failure to achieve the aims and targets set out in the Regional Outcome Agreement.
- Our approach to people issues (e.g. equality/diversity, skills mix, resourcing of GCRB) is unsatisfactory.
- Standards of governance fall below the level required.
- There is a breach of legislation/guidance/code of practice.
- Inadequate measures are put in place to respond to a breach of security/safety (e.g. Cyber Attack).

The Risk Register includes the mitigation measures in place to respond to identified risks.

SECTION 2. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

2.1 Introduction

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board is responsible for planning, funding and ensuring the delivery of a high- quality curriculum which meets economic and social needs, as well as current and future employment demands.

This is monitored by the Board over the course of the year and the impact of regional college learning opportunities for our learners and the region as a whole.

2.2 Improving Regional Skills Alignment

Each year, GCRB leads a participative review of skills alignment and agrees Credit targets for economic sector groupings to ensure that the curriculum continues to adapt and develop alignment with known economic, employment and social needs.

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Regional Curriculum Hubs corresponding to the economic sectors have been established to support a partnership-based approach to curriculum review activity. In 2018/19, they have also worked to produce regional curriculum maps, which identify vocational progression pathways across the study options and employment opportunities within their economic sectors. Hub members have developed common entry qualifications and a Regional Admissions Working Group of college admissions and guidance staff was established to support the development of a consistent approach to course applications.

GCRB is also playing a lead role in improving skills alignment across the Glasgow City-Region, formed of eight local authority council areas. The grouping was established to secure one of the largest City Deals in the UK, with over £1 billion investment being made across the Glasgow City-Region in improved infrastructure, life sciences, business innovation and actions to tackle unemployment.

To maximise the impact of this investment, GCRB has supported the development of a Skills Investment Plan for the City-Region. The final plan is accompanied by a set of actions for the first 12 months, and these incorporate specific contributions from the Glasgow College Regions, including:

Working with SDS to develop a 5-year Skills Training Plan for the Glasgow College Region	Meeting Flexible Workforce Development Fund training targets for 2019-20	Working with local authorities to expand the number of Foundation Apprenticeships
Ensuring national funding arrangements take account of Glasgow City Region needs	Continuing to deliver enhanced levels of training in Early Education & Childcare	Reviewing skills needs and training offer for employment in the Tourism sector
Increasing the number of people from disadvantaged backgrounds entering & completing qualifications	Developing training opportunities which better meet the needs of the digital technology sector	

To support delivery of these actions, a city-region colleges' group has been established with membership from across the West, Glasgow and Lanarkshire college regions, supported by GCRB, the Scottish Funding Council and Skills Development Scotland.

2.3 Developing the Young Workforce

GCRB prioritises the strengthening of vocational progression partnership activity with schools and employers to widen the range of options and support more young people in making the most appropriate choices for their futures.

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Our Developing the Young Workforce plans are enhancing employment, building on the strong school-college partnerships that already exist across the region. We work closely with local authority partners and engage with 46 secondary schools throughout Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire.

We offer, in partnership with Glasgow City Council Education Services, an Enhanced Vocational Inclusion Programme (EVIP) via a 'virtual school' to around one hundred S3 and S4 school pupils. This won the SQA Pride O'Worth Award at the 2018 SQA Star Awards for best overall educational initiative.

The Glasgow region also now delivers one of Scotland's largest Regional Foundation Apprenticeship programmes, coordinated by a single regional team with specialist school and employer engagement staff. Our regional approach to Foundation Apprenticeships generates wider access for learners to a greater range of vocational opportunities establishing positive career paths for school pupils. By working in unison, the three colleges are able to offer more choice to learners and better support for industry.

The Glasgow College Region is also working to strengthen colleges' engagement with industry to create new opportunities, flexibility and expertise. Our colleges have developed and delivered courses in subjects and broadly transferable skills, which reflect Glasgow's diverse economy, including management, IT, customer service, human resources, accounts and training. Others are more industry-specific and will build careers and capacity in our engineering, health and social care, education and hospitality sectors, as well as developing bespoke courses to deliver specialist training, from fish mongering to newsroom leadership.

In 2018-19, over 5,000 Glasgow employees took part in college training, strengthening their skills, productivity and potential.

Planning for Specific Provision

In 2018-19, regional planning and provision has ensured coherent and connected regional responses on specific provision. This has included the development of STEM provision and pathways, where our colleges have worked with both employers and HE partners to develop efficient STEM pathways from school, through colleges and university, and on to employment.

Working with local authority partners, a regional childcare expansion strategy was also developed in 2018-19 to increase the volume, range and flexibility of college learning opportunities in order to meet the national policy objective of increasing free childcare allowance by 2020.

2.4 Improving Student Outcomes

Raising levels of attainment and successful progression into employment or further study are core strategic priorities for the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board. Our Seven Learning Priorities seek to ensure we provide an education service which values personal development, and which builds the skills and knowledge required for everyone in Glasgow to share the benefits of economic growth.

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The region has set stretching targets for increasing levels of student success, and in 2018-19, the region continued to improve both rates of attainment and for successful progression into work or study. In terms of achievement, three quarters of all learners who started college in Glasgow in 2018-19, successfully completed their course of study, which is a higher level of attainment than the Scottish average, delivered in a context of significant local social and economic challenges.

Levels for post-course success have increased, with over 97% of leavers now progressing successfully into work or further study.

Both of these performance measures demonstrate that we are being successful in improving both our regional performance and our learners' lives and life chances.

A new Regional Student Funding Forum was established in 2018-19 to support consistent approaches to Learning Support Services across the region's colleges, given that access to student funding can play a significant role in supporting improved learner outcomes. The group includes Student Association participation and an initial priority for the group has been forming shared approaches to attendance monitoring in relation to payment of student bursaries, to mitigate potential student hardship and support improved retention.

Widening Access and Supporting Inclusion and Diversity

The Regional Board is committed to engaging with people who are furthest from the labour market. Whilst opportunities in Glasgow are immense, there are significant social, educational and economic challenges that must be addressed if the region and its residents are to fulfil their potential. In particular, many Glaswegians have low or no qualifications and are unemployed or stuck in poorly paid jobs, with in-work poverty a growing issue. A powerful college education addresses many of these issues; helping them overcome barriers to learning and to succeed in college, work and life, and driving inclusive growth.

Widening access to life-changing college learning is a central aim of the new Glasgow Region Strategic Plan for College Education. To deliver on this, the Board targeted an increase in teaching activity delivered to learners residing in Scotland's 10% most deprived neighbourhoods, and to learners with low or no qualifications. In 2018-19, the region succeeded in exceeding both of the growth targets related to this, with £24m funding allocated to learners from our most deprived neighbourhoods (equating to nearly one third of all teaching activity), and approximately £45m funding allocated to learners with low or no qualifications (over one half of all teaching activity).

GCRB also led the development of an innovative new articulation programme which will offer Glasgow's college learners from priority widening access groups, an opportunity to progress with advanced standing to one of Scotland's most highly regarded universities. The blended model of delivery will allow college learners to complete an HNC at college, alongside undertaking access-orientated Year 1 studies on the university campus. This partnership delivery will ensure seamless and supported progression routes which maximise potential for learner success, and offer flexible pathways to further study.

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Our regional Embracing Diversity Competition encouraged students from across the college region to reflect on what Equality, Diversity and Inclusion means to them. Students across the region used their creativity and learning to communicate the values of fairness, opportunity and respect, with the winning entries emphasising the scope and diversity of learning in Glasgow's colleges.

2.5 Deepening Regional Collaboration and Efficient Regional Structures

Increased collaboration and coordination are at the heart of how we are delivering our strategy.

Regional collaboration is making us more effective, not just in terms of delivering joined up regional planning and responding coherently to regional needs, but also in maximising efficiencies across the region and delivering more impact for the public funds invested in Glasgow.

Delivering Regional Efficiencies: Joint Procurement

In 2018-19, a regional approach to procurement across the Glasgow colleges has delivered savings of over £1.5 million versus previous price paid. Procurement activity is carried out on a shared service basis by Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC), the sector's Centre of Procurement Expertise.

Additionally, procurement is being used to deliver community benefits and to ensure that public funds are being spent to benefit society in general. Some details of the responsible procurement activity carried out in Glasgow include:

- City of Glasgow College won the Herald diversity award last year. This award related to diversity in the public sector, Inclusive Procurement. The College were also highly commended last year at the ENEI awards – Innovative Procurement.
- Glasgow Clyde College have been leveraging their contracts and suppliers to secure work placements. These opportunities have been secured with Coffee Conscience, Sodexo and ISS. Students are gaining valuable work experience in 'real world' situations.
- Working in conjunction with the Glasgow Kelvin College Student Association and other internal stakeholders, the procurement resources for GKC assisted in the construction of Glasgow Kelvin Velocity, a cycle hub for use by students, staff and the community. Procurement were particularly effective in guiding the College towards sustainably sourced materials. The College won the prestigious award for sustainability at the education buildings Scotland 2018 awards.

GCRB and the three Glasgow colleges now also share a Data Protection Officer. This collaborative model enables all parties to address the risks posed by new regulations by providing access to specialist expertise in an efficient way which supports the sharing of expertise at a regional and national level (including access to a national Head of Data Protection Services).

College and regional board members collaborate on key governance issues, including risk management, GDPR, cyber-security and increasing diversity on boards.

The response of board members to these 'regional conversation' events has been extremely positive and demonstrate what can be achieved when the college region comes together to advance its shared ambitions.

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We continue to encourage collaboration through nominated 'Regional Leads' forming a 'virtual regional senior leadership team'.

Taking an integrated, collaborative approach means we can offer staff from across the three colleges access to a new range of Career and Personal Development opportunities.

A number of successful Continuing Professional Development courses were hosted in 2018-19, including: An Introduction to Emotional Intelligence, A Solution-focused coaching event and DISC Profiling and the GROW coaching model. The Autism Resource Centre also attended Glasgow Kelvin to deliver an enhanced inclusive practice course around transitions and autism.

2.6 Financial Performance

For the period under review, GCRB's running costs were funded from the SFC's core grant to the Glasgow region. The financial statements for the period report total income relating to GCRB's running costs of £445k. Expenditure, which includes the actuarial valuation of the Strathclyde Pension Fund, is £478k for the period which results in a loss on continuing operations of £33k.

We will continue to work closely with the three colleges to minimise regional governance and management costs to deliver maximum value from all our activities. We note that, on an annualised basis, the GCRB's expenditure for the accounting period represents around 0.5% of the core SFC grant of £88.5m provided to the Glasgow region in 2018-19.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income presents the financial performance during the year in accordance with the HE/FE Statement of Recommended Practice. The adjusted operating position is intended to reflect the financial performance after allowing for non-cash adjustments and other material one-off items. The adjusted operating position is therefore designed to smooth any volatility in reported results arising from the application of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The adjusted operating position is shown in the table below:

	Year to 31 July 2019		Year to 31 July 2018	
	GCRB £'000	Group £'000	GCRB £'000	Group £'000
Surplus/(Deficit) before other gains and losses	(28)	(12,300)	0	(2,481)
Add back:				
Depreciation (net of deferred capital grant)	0	7,907	0	8,225
Exceptional non-restructuring costs	0	9,350	0	0
Non-pension cost adjustment – net service cost	20	6,570	11	4,034
Non-pension cost adjustment – net interest cost	2	90	1	885
Non-pension cost adjustment – early retirement provision	0	466	0	(975)
Donation to Arms' Length Foundation	0	0	0	300
Deduct:				
Non-Government capital grants (e.g. ALF grant)	0	(561)	0	(3,950)
Exceptional income – campus disposal	0	(5,790)	0	0
Revenue funding allocated to repayment of Lennartz	0	(392)	0	(543)
NPD income applied to reduce NPD balance sheet debt	0	(4,366)	0	(4,043)
Adjusted operating surplus/(deficit)	(6)	974	12	1,452

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2.7 Alleged Fraud – City of Glasgow College

During 2018-19, City of Glasgow College identified an alleged fraud, involving the fraudulent procurement and subsequent theft of IT equipment. The alleged fraudulent activity involves a member of staff and a college supplier and is understood to have commenced in 2016-17. The present value of IT equipment, which cannot be accounted for, is £600,000 (exclusive of VAT).

Following detection of the alleged fraud, the college has undertaken a forensic investigation and implemented a number of improvements to its systems of internal control. The matter remains the subject of an on-going internal review and police investigation.

2.8 Scottish Government Sustainability Reporting

In order to minimise running costs, GCRB accommodation and office services are provided by City of Glasgow College. Therefore, any related sustainability reporting requirements as set out within the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 are provided within returns made by the City of Glasgow College.

2.9 Payment of Creditors

During the accounting period, responsibility for handling GCRB's financial transactions lay with the City of Glasgow College. GCRB seeks to comply with the CBI Prompt Payment Code, and has a policy of paying its suppliers within 30 days of invoice date unless the invoice is contested. All disputes and complaints are handled as quickly as possible. No interest or late payment penalties were paid during the year. The average creditor's payment period throughout 2018-19 was 49 days.

The Performance Report has been approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Janie McCusker
GCRB Chair
27 January 2020

Jim Godfrey
GCRB Interim Executive Director
27 January 2020

B) THE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

SECTION 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

1.1 Directors' Report

Leadership of the GCRB

Robin Ashton was appointed as permanent Executive Director of GCRB on 16 May 2016 and resigned on 31 August 2019. Jim Godfrey was appointed as Interim Executive Director on 1 September 2019.

Board membership

The tables below set out the membership of the Board and its Committees for the period 1 August 2018 to 27 January 2020. Registers of interest are maintained for all serving individuals listed in the Directors' Report with copies available at: <http://www.gcrb.ac.uk/boardmembers>

Member	Type of member, background and related parties	Appointment start date	Appointment end date
Alisdair Barron	Chair of assigned college (City of Glasgow College). HR professional.	01/11/15	31/07/20
Paul Buchanan	Ordinary member. Management consultant. Formerly Chair of Reid Kerr College.	17/05/16	31/07/22
David Brown	Ordinary member. Management consultant.	01/08/19	31/07/23
Moira Connolly	Ordinary member. Consultant psychiatrist with NHS Glasgow.	01/06/18	30/04/22
Michael Cullen	Ordinary member. Elected Councillor, Glasgow City Council.	01/08/18	30/07/21
Lesley Garrick	Ordinary member. Management consultant and former senior manager in the NHS.	17/05/16	31/07/21
Karolina Gasiorowska	Student member. Student President Glasgow Clyde College.	01/09/17	30/06/19
Clare Ireland	Staff member. Employed as staff member at Glasgow Clyde College.	01/05/14	31/07/22
William Jeffrey	Student member. Student President Glasgow Kelvin College.	01/07/19	28/10/19
Karen Konkon	Student member. Student President Glasgow Kelvin College.	27/01/20	31/08/20

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Member	Type of member, background and related parties	Appointment start date	Appointment end date
Caroline MacDonald	Ordinary member. Former Deputy Vice Chancellor at Teesside University.	09/11/15	31/07/21
Janie McCusker	Chair of GCRB. Former Adviser for Security Coordination, UNICEF.	08/01/18	07/01/22
Ed McGrachen	Ordinary member. Chartered engineer.	01/06/18	30/04/22
Maureen McKenna	Ordinary member. Exec Director of Education Services, Glasgow City Council.	01/05/14	31/07/21
Shaun McLaughlin	Student member. Student President Glasgow Kelvin College.	01/09/18	30/06/19
Alastair Milloy	Ordinary member. Director of Finance and Resources, Glasgow School of Art.	22/08/17	31/07/21
Charlie Montgomery	Staff member. Employed as staff member at City of Glasgow College.	01/08/18	31/07/22
David Newall	Chair of assigned college (Glasgow Clyde College). Formerly Secretary of Court, University of Glasgow.	15/07/16	14/07/20
Ian Patrick	Chair of assigned college (Glasgow Kelvin College). Formerly Campus Director, Hamilton Campus, University of the West of Scotland.	01/08/18	31/07/22
Jackie Russell	Ordinary member. Director of Human Resources, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.	09/11/15	31/07/22
Aranka Szilassy	Student member. Student President Glasgow Clyde College.	01/07/19	31/08/20
Mike Ward	Ordinary member. Finance Director, Chartered Management Accountant.	27/02/17	31/07/19

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Membership of the Performance & Resources Committee

Member	Appointment start date	Appointment end date
David Brown	28/10/19	31/07/23
Paul Buchanan	17/05/16	31/07/22
Moira Connolly	18/06/18	30/04/22
Caroline MacDonald	09/11/15	31/07/21
Shaun McLaughlin	01/09/18	31/07/19
Alastair Milloy	22/08/17	28/10/19
Charlie Montgomery	01/08/18	31/07/22
Aranka Szilassy	01/07/19	31/08/20
Anwulika Umeh (co-opted member)	17/06/19	16/06/20

Membership of the Nominations & Remuneration Committee

Member	Appointment start date	Appointment end date
Michael Cullen	01/08/18	30/04/21
Lesley Garrick	17/05/16	31/07/21
Karolina Gasiorowska	01/09/17	30/06/19
Clare Ireland	25/01/16	31/07/22
Janie McCusker	08/01/18	07/01/22
Jackie Russell	09/11/15	31/07/22
Karen Konkon	27/01/20	31/08/20

Membership of the Audit and Assurance Committee

Member	Appointment start date	Appointment end date
Paul Buchanan	17/05/16	31/07/22
Ed McGrachan	18/06/18	30/04/22
Maureen McKenna	02/03/16	31/07/21
Alastair Milloy	28/10/19	31/07/21
Mike Ward	27/02/17	31/07/19

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1.2 Statement of Board Responsibilities

GCRB exists to secure the coherent provision of high quality fundable higher and further education in Glasgow through its three assigned colleges (City of Glasgow College, Glasgow Clyde College and Glasgow Kelvin College). It does this mainly through taking a regional approach to planning, performance and funding. It also promotes collaboration, sharing of good practice, effective governance and positive learner journeys through a structured approach to regional curriculum planning and delivery. It must achieve all of this economically, efficiently and effectively while having particular regard to improving economic and social well-being, meeting skills needs and supporting the participation of under-represented groups.

In short, GCRB is designed to be an enabling body with a strategic regional focus. Delivery remains with the assigned colleges who are the employing bodies and who retain their own Boards of Management. Through consultation, agreement and collaboration, GCRB guides and supports the assigned colleges in their delivery of a coherent, affordable and sustainable regional approach. It must add value so that the three colleges working collaboratively within the regional structure can achieve more than any of them could do individually.

The Board must prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of GCRB's state of affairs and of the surplus or loss and cash flows for that year. In preparing the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, the Board has ensured that:

- suitable accounting policies are selected and consistently applied;
- reasonable and prudent estimates and judgements have been made;
- applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures explained in the financial statements;
- SFC funds are used only for the given purposes and in accordance with the Financial Memorandum with the SFC and any other conditions the SFC may prescribe; and
- the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the GCRB will continue in operation.

The Board is satisfied it has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.3 Governance Statement

Introduction

GCRB has in place arrangements that are designed to ensure that corporate governance is exercised in accordance with the principles for good governance set out in the Financial Memorandum between the SFC and the GCRB and in the *Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Colleges*. These arrangements are detailed in the sections below.

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Statement of Compliance with Code of Good Governance

The Audit Committee received a report further to a review of compliance with the Code of Good Governance on 28 May 2019, which identified no material areas of non-compliance. The Committee reported to the Board on 17 June 2019.

Board Membership

The Chair of the Board of the GCRB is appointed by Scottish Ministers. Other members are appointed as follows:

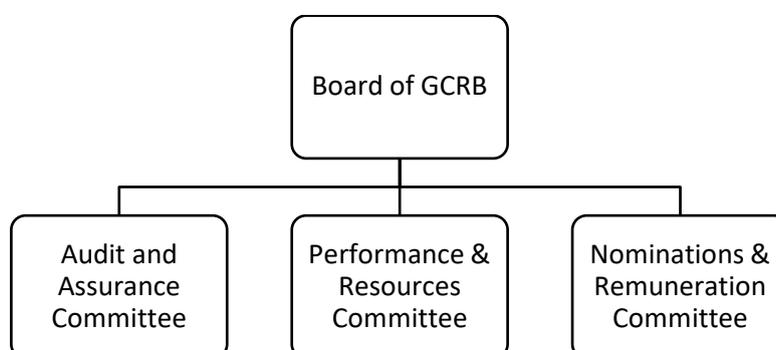
- the Chairs of the three assigned colleges;
- two elected staff members (one teaching and one non-teaching);
- two nominated, or elected, student members; and
- up to ten other board members appointed by the Board of the GCRB (and approved by both the Chair of the GCRB and Scottish Ministers).

All appointments and extension of appointments during 2018-19 followed approved procedures and were made in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance.

Other appointments processes during 2018-19, to appoint staff, student, and non-executive members, were overseen by the Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

Governance Structure

The following diagram outlines GCRB's governance structure:



The Board of GCRB held four formal meetings during the 2018-19 academic year. Two further meetings have been held so far within the 2019-20 academic year. The Audit and Assurance Committee met on five occasions, the Nominations & Remuneration Committee met on six occasions and the Performance & Resources Committee four times.

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Audit and Assurance Committee Remit

The Audit and Assurance Committee advises the Board on:

- the strategic processes for risk, control and governance and the governance statement;
- the accounting policies, the accounts, and the annual report of the Board, including the process for review of the accounts prior to submission for audit, levels of error identified, and management's letter of representation to the external auditors;
- the planned activity and results of both internal and external audit;
- the adequacy of management response to issues identified by audit activity, including external audit's management letter/report;
- the effectiveness of the internal control environment;
- assurances relating to the corporate governance requirements for the organisation;
- proposals for tendering for internal audit services or for purchase of non-audit services from contractors who provide audit services; and
- anti-fraud policies, whistle-blowing processes, and arrangements for special investigations.

The Audit and Assurance Committee shall:

- review the adequacy and security of arrangements for employees and contractors to raise concerns, in confidence, about possible wrongdoing in financial reporting or other matters. The committee shall ensure that these arrangements allow proportionate and independent investigation of such matters and appropriate follow up action;
- review procedures for detecting fraud;
- review systems and controls for the prevention of bribery and receive reports on non-compliance;
- review arrangements proposed for special ad hoc investigations;
- receive a report on GCRB compliance with the Code of Good Governance annually;
- monitor the effectiveness of external audit and report its findings to the Board; and
- shall inform the SFC Audit Committee if it considers that it has identified a significant problem which may have wider implications for the FE sector or public sector.

In relation to internal audit, the Audit and Assurance Committee shall:

- monitor and review the effectiveness of the internal audit function in the context of its overall risk management system;
- make recommendations to the Board for the appointment and removal of the internal auditor;
- review and assess the annual internal audit plan;
- review reports from the internal auditor;
- review and monitor the executive's responses to the findings and recommendations of the internal auditor;
- meet the internal auditor at least once a year, without the executive being present, to discuss the remit and any issues arising from the internal audits carried out. The internal auditor has the right of direct access to the Chair of the Board and to the Audit Committee.

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In relation to the assigned colleges the Audit and Assurance Committee will advise on:

- the annual reports received from the assigned colleges' heads of internal audit;
- any notification in relation to the appointment, removal or resignation of an internal auditor; and
- any enquiries or monitoring of the assigned colleges including but not limited to situations where access to the colleges' external auditors may be required or where reports from the assigned colleges internal audit function are being considered.

Performance & Resources Committee Remit

- advise the Board on the proper control and management of the region's finances;
- advise the Board in relation to any matter relating to compliance with the Financial Memorandum by any of its assigned colleges;
- advise the Board on any matter relating to the making of a grant, loan or other payment and the conditions relating to any such payments;
- monitor progress against agreed financial targets as set out in the Regional Outcome Agreement;
- advise the Board in relation to ensuring the economic, efficient and effective use of funds;
- monitor the agreed annual plan and budget for the GCRB and advises the Board on any matters of concern and consider and recommend to the Board any proposals for significant or subsequent amendments to the plan or budget during the year;
- monitor progress against agreed targets as set out in the Regional Outcome Agreement;
- advise the Board on all matters relating to the monitoring of performance of the assigned colleges;
- advise the Board in relation to the carrying out of studies designed to improve economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the management or operation of the assigned colleges;
- advise the Board on any matter, internal or external to the Region, which might have a significant effect on any regional plan, outcome agreement or budget during the year;
- ensure that a strategy is in place to achieve Best Value and Value for Money;
- oversee the implementation of regional projects and makes recommendations to the Board in relation to implementation and advises on any matters of concern;
- monitor and keep under review the effectiveness of the implementation of regional projects and receives reports on a regular basis.

Nominations & Remuneration Committee Remit

- is responsible for overseeing remuneration levels, salary awards, pensions, terms and conditions of employment and any other related matters for the executive and other senior posts within the organisation;
- provide support in reviewing overall executive performance;
- is responsible for the appointment process of senior executive officers and for making recommendations for their appointment to the Board;
- is responsible for reviewing the performance of the Executive Director;
- consider proposals regarding overall remuneration including pay awards across the organisation, making recommendations as appropriate to the Board;
- is consulted on any proposals for major changes to employee benefit structures;
- give full consideration to succession planning for all Board members in the course of its work, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the region, diversity succession planning requirements and the skills and expertise needed on the Board(s) in the future;
- review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity) of the Board of GCRB and of the assigned colleges' Boards, and makes recommendations to the Board of GCRB as a consequence;
- ensure that a full evaluation of the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the relevant Board has been carried out and that, in the light of this evaluation, an appropriate role description has been agreed before any non-executive appointment is made by the Board;
- ensure that fair, open and merit based recruitment processes are conducted for the appointment of non-executive board members and that all appointments are made in a manner which encourages equal opportunities and the observance of equal opportunity requirements;
- make recommendations to the Board for its approval in relation to the appointment of non-executive members, and the appointment of the chair, to an assigned college;
- the process for the election of staff and student Board members, the terms of appointment and committee membership;
- consider and approve the terms and conditions of appointment when making recommendations to the Board to appoint Assigned college principals;
- ensure that any severance arrangements, to be implemented by the Regional Board or any of its assigned colleges, are compliant with severance guidance published by the Funding Council and the requirements of the Financial Memorandum;
- is responsible for ensuring that the Board of GCRB reviews its effectiveness annually;
- shall make recommendations to the Board of GCRB in relation a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the Board Chair and the Committee Chairs; and
- review its own performance and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the board.

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Board Effectiveness

The Board undertakes detailed evaluation of its performance and effectiveness on an annual basis and takes account of emerging recommendations in its annual development plan, in line with the Code of Good Governance and best practice guidance for the sector.

During the period of this report:

- The three committees of the Board reviewed their performance during the past year including a review of significant developments and decisions, and emerging priorities for the year ahead. An annual report for each committee was presented to the subsequent meeting of the Board.
- All Members met individually with the Chair of the Board to discuss their role on the board, performance, development needs and objectives for the year ahead.
- A review of the Chair's performance was undertaken.
- The Nominations and Remuneration Committee monitored progress against the Board's development plan, approved in March 2017, and an annual review of progress was presented to the Board in March 2019.

GCRB was required, in 2018-19, to undertake an externally-validated self-evaluation. An external assessor was appointed and completed the evaluation, working in compliance with the sector's self-evaluation framework, between December 2017 and March 2018.

The external assessor's report, presented to the meeting of the Board on 26 March 2018, was positive and identified no major areas of concern. Ten recommendations contained in the report to improve Board effectiveness were incorporated into the 2018-19 Development Plan. Progress against this plan was reviewed by the Board in March 2019 and the priorities for 2019-20 agreed.

Board members' attendance at meetings is shown on the next page. Attendance is reviewed on a regular basis and it is recognised that a small number of members have been unable to attend on a regular basis. The personal reasons for absence have been reviewed by the Board Chair and it has been agreed that there were extenuating circumstances in each situation.

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Board members' attendance at meetings (session 2018-19)

Board members attending board and committee meetings	Board (4 in period)	Audit (5 in period)	Nominations & Remuneration (6 in period)	Performance & Resources (4 in period)
Alisdair Barron	3 of 4			
Paul Buchanan	3 of 4	4 of 5		4 of 4
Moira Connolly	3 of 4			3 of 4
Michael Cullen	0 of 4		4 of 6	
Lesley Garrick	3 of 4		5 of 6	
Karolina Gasiorowska	0 of 4		2 of 5	
Clare Ireland	2 of 4		3 of 5	
Caroline MacDonald	4 of 4			4 of 4
Janie McCusker	4 of 4		6 of 6	
Ed McGrachan	4 of 4	5 of 5		
Maureen McKenna	2 of 4	3 of 5		
Shaun McLaughlin	4 of 4			3 of 4
Alastair Milloy	1 of 4			0 of 4
Charlie Montgomery	4 of 4			4 of 4
David Newall	3 of 4			
Ian Patrick	4 of 4			
Jackie Russell	4 of 5		6 of 6	
Mike Ward	4 of 4	4 of 5		
Total Attendance	52 of 72	16 of 20	26 of 34	18 of 24
Average Attendance	72.2%	80.0%	76.5%	75.0%

Appointment start and end dates are provided in the Directors' Report.

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Corporate strategy

GCRB is responsible for the strategic development of coherent and high quality education across the Glasgow college region. In May 2017, GCRB approved a *Regional Strategic Plan for College Education* which sets out a five-year vision of the shared ambitions and development priorities of GCRB and the assigned colleges.

The overarching ambition of the plan is to deliver Scotland's most inclusive, most responsive and most effective regional college system. Three areas of regional strategic ambition are identified:

- Ambitious for Glasgow: better lives in a better economy
- Ambitious for learners: Widening access to life-changing learning
- Ambitious for colleges: Unlocking regional potential and adding value

Risk management

GCRB's risk management policy and guidance contains the following key principles which outline GCRB's approach to risk management and internal control:

- the Board has responsibility for overseeing risk management within GCRB as a whole;
- regular monitoring of risk is undertaken by the Audit Committee;
- the GCRB adopts an open and receptive approach to risk identification and management;
- this includes consideration and identification of risk tolerances and risk targets to support prioritisation of risks;
- the executive supports and implements policies and strategies approved by the Board;
- the GCRB makes conservative and prudent recognition and disclosure of the financial and non-financial implications of risks;
- the management team is responsible for ensuring good risk management practice;
- the management team takes into account the possibility of the differential impact of risks, and risk treatments, upon people who share protected characteristics; and
- key risk indicators will be identified and closely monitored on a regular basis.

GCRB, in general, seeks to treat risks with the potential of negative impact prudently. However, the Board and the management team recognise the possibility of positive outcomes in the treatment of risks, and accordingly are careful to evaluate each risk individually. Section 1.3 of the overview section of this annual report details key issues and risks identified within GCRB's current risk register.

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Internal audit

Henderson Loggie was appointed as internal auditors in September 2016.

Based on a comprehensive audit needs analysis process, three areas for internal audit work were identified for 2018-19. These are listed below with the respective audit findings in terms of overall level of assurance:

- Corporate Governance: Good
- Scenario planning/risk: Grade n/a
- Follow-up reviews

The reports highlighted a number of areas of strength, alongside some areas for improvement. If recommendations were made this was accompanied by an action plan to address these, including action owners and planned completion dates. Progress to implement these recommendations is reviewed at each meeting of the GCRB Audit Committee.

The internal auditor's annual report stated that, in their opinion, "GCRB has systems demonstrating adequate and effective arrangements for risk management, control and governance, and proper arrangements are in place to promote and secure Value for Money. This opinion has been arrived at taking into consideration the work we have undertaken during 2018-19 and also in previous years."

Assessment of corporate governance and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control

The Board is of the view that there is an on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing GCRB's significant risks. This process is reviewed by the Board through assurances provided by the Audit Committee and GCRB management. The principal risks faced by GCRB are set out in further detail on page 6 of this report. On the basis that assurances provided from the sources of assurance outlined above, we can confirm that sound systems of governance, risk management and internal control, consistent with the requirements of the SPFM, have operated for the period ended 31 July 2019 and up to the date of approval of the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements.

Data Security Lapses

There have been no data breaches during the reporting period.

Expenditure

The Board is satisfied that all expenditure incurred was in line with its intended purpose and SFC guidance.

Going Concern

The Board is satisfied it has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

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SECTION 2. REMUNERATION AND STAFF REPORT

2.1 Remuneration Policy

The remit of the Nominations & Remuneration Committee includes responsibility for advising the Board on the remuneration of GCRB employees, within the context of budgetary constraints and Scottish Government guidance. The Committee's terms of reference are detailed on page 21. The remuneration of the Chair is determined by the Scottish Government and all other Board members are non-remunerated.

2.2 Remuneration Including Salary and Pension Entitlements

Remuneration of the Chair

The following table provides detail of the remuneration of the Chair of the Board of GCRB:

NAME	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	Year ended 31 July 2019	Year ended 31 July 2018
	£'000	£'000
Janie McCusker (for period 08/01/18 to 31/07/19)	30-35	20-25
Grahame Smith (for period 16/07/17 to 31/12/17)	0	5-10

An annual equivalent has not been included because the Chair is remunerated on the basis of a daily fee, subject to an annual maximum. The Chair is not entitled to a pension in respect of their office.

Salary entitlements

The table below provides detail of the remuneration interests of senior management:

NAME	ACTUAL					
	Year ended 31 July 2019			Year ended 31 July 2018		
	Salary	Pension Benefit	Total	Salary	Pension Benefit	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Salary of Robin Ashton 1 August to 31 July	90-95	40-45	130-135	85-90	15-20	105-110
Salary of Jim Godfrey 1 August to 31 July	75-80	25-30	100-105	35-40	0-5	40-45

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NAME	ANNUAL EQUIVALENT					
	Year ended 31 July 2019			Year ended 31 July 2018		
	Salary	Pension Benefit	Total	Salary	Pension Benefit	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Salary of Robin Ashton 1 August to 31 July	90-95	40-45	130-135	85-90	15-20	105-110
Salary of Jim Godfrey 1 August to 31 July	75-80	25-30	100-105	75-80	5-10	85-90

Notes on salary information:

- No members of the Board, or senior management, received any benefits in kind, bonuses or overtime in addition to their remuneration or salary.
- There have been no exit, or termination costs, during the year.
- Robin Ashton is an employee of Glasgow Kelvin College, seconded to the GCRB from 16 May 2016 until 31 August 2019. GCRB reimburse Glasgow Kelvin College with cost of Robin Ashton's salary and associated national insurance and pension costs.
- The salaries in the above table represent the amount earned in the financial period.
- The value of pension benefits is calculated as the real increase in pension multiplied by 20 plus the real increase in any lump sum less the contributions made by the individual. The x20 multiplier aims to bring public bodies in line with other industries in disclosing an assessed cumulative pension benefit for a standard 20 year period which is the estimated life span following retirement.

Fair Pay Policy - Median Remuneration

GCRB is required (by the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FRm)) to disclose the relationships between the remuneration of the highest paid official and the median remuneration of the workforce. The banded remuneration of the highest paid official in the organisation in the financial year 2018-19 was £90,000-95,000 (2017-18 - £85,000-90,000) on a pro-rata 12-month basis. This was 1.9 times (2017-18 - 1.5 times) the median remuneration of the workforce which was £45,000-£50,000 (2017-18 - £55,000-£60,000).

Staff Composition

The Executive Director is male and is seconded to GCRB. In addition, the team consists of one other male member of staff and 3 female members of staff (at 31 July 2019). A breakdown of the salaries has been included in Note 6 to the financial statements.

Staff Sickness

There was a total of 1 day of sickness absence in the financial year ending 31 July 2019.

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Staff Policies

GCRB has chosen to align itself with Glasgow Clyde College in respect of the Staff Policies and Procedures. These policies ensure that GCRB complies with employment legislation and promotes a positive organisational culture, which encourages the development of its employees. GCRB considers all applications for employment from disabled persons, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the individuals concerned. Where an existing employee becomes disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with GCRB continues. The GCRB's policy is to provide training, career development and opportunities for promotion to disabled staff which are, as far as possible, identical to those for other employees.

Accrued Pension Benefits

Pension interests of senior postholders during the reporting period are in accordance with the specific employment contracts in place. The accrued pension benefits for senior officials are set out in the table below, together with the pension contributions made.

	Accrued pension at pension age at 31 July 2019	Accrued lump sum at pension age at 31 July 2019	Real increase in pension 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	Real increase in lump sum 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	CETV at 31 July 2019	CETV at 31 July 2018	Real increase in CETV
NAME	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Robin Ashton	22.5-25	50-55	2.5-5	2.5-5	409	364	45
Jim Godfrey	0-2.5	0	0-2.5	0	30	9	21

Pension benefits for employees are provided through two schemes. Firstly the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is provided by the Strathclyde Pension Fund and is available for administration staff. Secondly, through the Scottish Teacher's Superannuation Scheme (STSS) for teaching staff seconded to GCRB.

- The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, which is contracted out of State Earnings. The pension benefits are based on salary earned and the number of years that the person has been a member of the scheme. The normal retirement age is 65 (or 60 for members of the pension scheme prior to 1 April 2008).
- The STSS is a defined benefit scheme, which is notionally funded and contracted out of State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme. The pension benefits are based on the salary earned and the number of years that the person has been a member of the scheme. The normal retirement age is 65 (or 60 for members of the scheme prior to 1 April 2007).
- Contribution rates are set annually for all employees of these schemes.

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- There is no automatic entitlement to a lump sum (except for membership of the LGPS prior to 1 April 2008 and membership of the STSS prior to 1 April 2007). For members who contributed to the schemes after these dates they may opt to give up (commute) pension for lump sum up to the limit set by the Finance Act 2004. The accrual rate guarantees a pension based on final pensionable salary and years of pensionable service.

Cash Equivalent Transfer Value (CETV)

A Cash Equivalent Transfer Value (CETV) is the actuarially assessed capitalised value of the pension scheme benefits accrued by a member at a particular point in time.

The value of the accrued pension benefits has been calculated on the basis of the age at which the person will first become entitled to receive a pension on retirement without reduction on account of its payment at that age; without exercising any option to commute pension entitlement into a lump sum; and without any adjustment for the effects of future inflation. The pension figures shown relate to the benefits that the person has accrued as a consequence of their total and not just their current appointment.

In considering the accrued pension benefits figures the following contextual information should be taken into account:

- The figures for pension and lump sum are illustrative only in light of the assumptions set out above and do not necessarily reflect the actual benefits that any individual may receive upon retirement.
- The accrued benefits figures are reflective of the pension contributions that both the employer and the scheme member have made over a period of time.

Other

During the year, GCRB spent £33,000 on consultancy, this mainly consisted of specialist advice in respect of board secretarial and communications assistance. GCRB has completed the HMRC checklists and determined that the all contractors are self-employed for the purposes of IR35.

The Accountability Report has been approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Janie McCusker
GCRB Chair
27 January 2020

Jim Godfrey
GCRB Interim Executive Director
27 January 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the members of the Board of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board, the Auditor General for Scotland and the Scottish Parliament

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements in the annual report and accounts of Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board and its group for the year ended 31 July 2019 under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992. The financial statements comprise the Consolidated and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board's Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board's Statement of Changes in Reserves, Consolidated and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board's Balance Sheet, and the Consolidated and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board's Statement of Cash Flow and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Funding Council of the state of the affairs of Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board and its group as at 31 July 2019 and of the surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Funding Council.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Auditor General for Scotland. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We were appointed by the Auditor General on 31 May 2016. The period of total uninterrupted appointment is three years. We are independent of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board and its group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. Non-audit services prohibited by the Ethical Standard were not provided to the board. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the board has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about its ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Risks of material misstatement

We have reported in a separate Annual Audit Report, which is available from the Audit Scotland website, the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that we identified and our conclusions thereon.

Responsibilities of the Board for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Board's Responsibilities, the Board is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved. We therefore design and perform audit procedures which respond to the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

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A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other information in the annual report and accounts

The Board is responsible for the other information in the annual report and accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements, the audited part of the Remuneration and Staff Report, and our independent auditor's report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Auditor General for Scotland to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read all the other information in the annual report and accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on regularity of expenditure and income

Opinion on regularity

In our opinion in all material respects the expenditure and income in the financial statements were incurred or applied in accordance with any applicable enactments and guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers.

Responsibilities for regularity

The Board is responsible for ensuring the regularity of expenditure and income. We are responsible for expressing an opinion on the regularity of expenditure and income in accordance with the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Report on other requirements

Opinions on matters prescribed by the Auditor General for Scotland

In our opinion, the audited part of the Remuneration and Staff Report has been properly prepared in accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Funding Council.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit

- the information given in the Performance Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Funding Council; and
- the information given in the Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and directions made thereunder by the Scottish Funding Council.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required by the Auditor General for Scotland to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the audited part of the Remuneration and Staff Report are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Conclusions on wider scope responsibilities

In addition to our responsibilities for the annual report and accounts, our conclusions on the wider scope responsibilities specified in the Code of Audit Practice are set out in our Annual Audit Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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Gary Devlin (for and on behalf of Scott Moncrieff Audit Services)
Exchange Place 3
Semple Street
Edinburgh
EH3 8BL

Date.....

Gary Devlin is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006 (for firms)/section 21 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 .

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2018-19 ACCOUNTS DIRECTION

(for Scotland's colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board)

It is the Scottish Funding Council's direction that institutions comply with the 2015 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Further and Higher Education (SORP) in preparing their annual report and accounts.

A new SORP ("the 2019 SORP") was issued in October 2018 and this must be adopted for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019 and thereafter. Early adoption is permitted as described in Section 27 ('Transition to the 2019 SORP') of the 2019 SORP.

Institutions must comply with the accounts direction in the preparation of their annual report and accounts in accordance with the Financial Memorandum with the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) or the Regional Strategic Body (RSB) (for assigned colleges).

Incorporated colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board are also required to comply with the Government Financial Reporting Manual 2018-19 (FRoM) where applicable.

Incorporated colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board are reminded that they must send two copies of their annual report and accounts to the Auditor General for Scotland by 31 December 2019.

The annual report and accounts should be signed by the chief executive officer / Executive Director and by the chair, or one other member of the governing body.

Incorporated colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board should reproduce this Direction as an appendix to the annual report and accounts.

Scottish Funding Council
5 July 2019

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB), and the three colleges in Glasgow, make up the Glasgow college region. All four entities are corporate bodies under the provisions of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Companies Act 2006. GCRB, and the three colleges, are public benefit entities and have applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS102.

Where applicable, the Report and Financial Statements also comply with the 2018-19 Government Financial Report Model (FReM) issued by the Scottish Government. The financial statements conform to the Accounts Direction and other guidance issued by the Scottish Funding Council.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Board to exercise judgement in applying the region's accounting policies as described below:

ACCOUNTING POLICIES & BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The presentation currency is pound sterling and the financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand.

GOING CONCERN

GCRB, and the three colleges in Glasgow, are satisfied that they have adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect reported income, expenses, assets, and liabilities. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates, together with experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates.

The Board is satisfied that the accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently. Key sources of estimation have been applied as follows:

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Estimate	Basis of estimation
Valuation of buildings	College buildings are of a specialist nature and are valued on the depreciated replacement cost basis.
Useful economic lives of buildings and plant/equipment	Buildings are depreciated over their expected remaining useful economic life as assessed by a qualified independent valuer. Buildings owned by the colleges are split into components and each component is valued and depreciated separately. The economic lives currently in use are in the range of 10 to 60 years. The estimated useful life of plant and equipment is 4 to 10 years.
The obligations under the Strathclyde Pension Scheme (SPF)	The Board uses actuarial assumptions determined in conjunction with the Scheme's qualified actuaries which are considered reasonable and appropriate.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Income from grants, contracts and other services rendered is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in proportion to the extent of completion of the contract or service concerned. The main annual recurring allocation from the Scottish Funding Council is intended to meet recurrent costs, and is credited direct to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure and related costs are reported to the relevant period.

Tuition fees are credited to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure account in the period in which they are due to be received.

For Bursary, Discretionary and Education Maintenance Allowance funds, the grants are excluded from the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure as these grants are available solely for students, with the colleges acting as paying agent. Childcare funds are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government revenue grants are recognised as income in the same period in which the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate are recorded.

Where a capital grant is received from government sources, the income is recognised over the life asset.

Where part of a government grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income within creditors and allocated between creditors due within one year and due after more than one year as appropriate.

NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Grants from non-government sources are recognised in income when the income and performance related conditions have been met. Income received in advance of performance related conditions being met is recognised as deferred income within creditors on the balance sheet and released to income as the conditions are met.

ACCOUNTING FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

GCRB, and the three colleges, participate in the Strathclyde Pension Fund (SPF) and the Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme (STSS).

The Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme is administered by the Scottish Public Pensions Agency. It is a multi-employer defined pension scheme, however, we are unable to identify the share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reliable basis and, therefore, as required by FRS 102 accounts for its participation in the STSS as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, contributions are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure as they arise.

This is expected to result in the pension cost being a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payrolls. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries on the basis of periodic valuations using the projected unit basis.

The Strathclyde Pension Fund is administered by Glasgow City Council and requires contributions to be made to its Number 1 fund. The Fund is a defined benefit pension scheme which changed from a final salary scheme to a career average scheme from 1 April 2015 and is contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Fund. Assets and liabilities of the funds are held separately from those of GCRB and the colleges. Fund assets are measured using market values. Fund liabilities are measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability.

Contributions to the Strathclyde Pension Fund are calculated so as to spread the cost of pension over employees' working lives. The contributions are determined by an actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the Age Attained Method. The actuaries also review the progress of the scheme in each of the intervening years. Variations from regular cost are spread over the expected average remaining working lifetime of members of the Fund, after making allowances for future withdrawals.

The expected cost of providing staff pensions to employees contributing to the Fund is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure on a systematic basis over the expected average remaining lives of members of the funds in accordance with FRS 102 and recognises retirement benefits as the benefits are earned and not when they are due to be paid.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Short-term employment benefits, such as salaries and compensated absences, are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees renders service to GCRB or a college. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount to be paid as a result of the unused entitlement.

FINANCE LEASES

Leases in which GCRB, or a college, assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. Leased assets acquired by way of finance lease and the corresponding lease liabilities are initially recognised at an amount equal to the lower of their fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease.

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

OPERATING LEASES

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Any lease premiums or incentives are spread over the minimum lease term.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - LAND AND BUILDINGS

Land and buildings in operational use have been included in the balance sheet at valuation which, due to their specialised nature in being used as a college, is stated at depreciated replacement cost. Land is not depreciated.

Values are stated as at the most recent valuation of the independent valuer. The colleges undertake a full revaluation at least every five years, with an interim valuation carried out after three years, such that the market value is not materially different to the current value.

Costs incurred in relation to land and buildings after initial purchase or construction, and prior to valuation, are capitalised to the extent that they increase the expected future benefits.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of any fixed asset may not be recoverable.

Depreciation on buildings is provided in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure on opening valuation or cost with an equivalent amount being transferred from the revaluation reserve and included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Individual items of plant and equipment or groups of items costing more than £10,000 have been capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their useful economic life. All other plant and equipment is written off to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in the period of acquisition.

Plant and equipment is carried at depreciated historical cost, which is used as a proxy for fair value. Depreciated historical cost is deemed to be more appropriate than revaluing plant and equipment as it is common for such assets to reduce in value, rather than increase, as they are utilised by the colleges.

MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES

The cost of maintenance is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in the period in which it is incurred.

STOCK

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised in the financial statements when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount.

Provision has been made for the enhanced pensions paid to former employees who have taken early retirement for which it is liable. This provision is valued on the basis of valuation carried out by an independent actuary. The annual pension cost is funded from the provision and the provision level is maintained by an annual charge in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

A contingent liability arises from a past event that gives rise to a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of GCRB or a college. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent asset arises where an event has taken place that gives rise to a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of GCRB or a college.

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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are recognised in the Consolidated Balance sheet when GCRB, or a college, becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All of the financial instruments are classified as 'basic' in accordance with Chapter 11 of FRS102. All of the financial instruments are measured at transaction price.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when the college has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised only once the liability has been extinguished through discharge, cancellation or expiry.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts and other highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

TAXATION

GCRB, and the colleges, are considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and, therefore, meet the definition of a charitable body for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, GCRB, and the colleges, are potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Institutions are required to identify events, favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue and make adjustments or disclosures where these are material to the understanding of the financial statements.

Two types of events can be identified:

- adjusting events are those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period, for example information that indicates an asset was impaired at the period end; and
- non-adjusting events are those that indicate conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period, for example a decline in the market value of investments between the period end and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Whilst adjusting events will result in changes to assets or liabilities included in the financial statements, non-adjusting events only result in disclosure.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year Ended 31 July 2019

	Note	Year to 31 July 2019		Year to 31 July 2018	
		GCRB	Group	GCRB	Group
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME					
Funding Council Grants	1	445	129,620	438	122,750
Tuition Fees and Education Contracts	2	0	30,603	0	29,531
Other Income	3	0	11,951	0	12,603
Investment Income	4	0	32	0	27
Endowments and Donations	5	0	1,188	0	6,426
Total Income		445	173,394	438	171,337
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs	6	391	112,171	276	103,075
Exceptional Staff Costs - Restructuring	6	0	705	0	2,322
Other Operating Expenses	8	80	46,486	161	35,039
Depreciation and Amortisation	11/12	0	17,743	0	17,645
Exceptional Impairment		0	123	0	0
Interest and Other Finance Costs	9	2	14,258	1	15,437
Donation to Arm's-Length Foundation		0	0	0	300
Total Expenditure		473	191,486	438	173,818
Surplus/(loss) on Continuing Operations before gains/(losses)		(28)	(18,092)	0	(2,481)
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets		0	5,792	0	0
Surplus/(loss) on Continuing Operations before tax		(28)	(12,300)	0	(2,481)
Taxation	10	0	0	0	0
Surplus/(loss) on Continuing Operations after tax		(28)	(12,300)	0	(2,481)
Unrealised Surplus/(Loss) on Revaluation of Land and Buildings		0	50,042	0	(169)
Actuarial Gains/(Losses) on Defined Benefit Pension Plans	22	(55)	(14,392)	8	35,797
Prior Year Adjustment	27	0	0	0	0
Disposal of Revalued Fixed Asset		0	0	0	0
Movement on Restricted Reserves		0	0	0	(27)
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		(83)	23,350	8	33,120
Represented by:					
Restricted Comprehensive Income for the Year		0	(21)	0	(27)
Unrestricted Comprehensive Income for the Year		(83)	23,371	8	33,147
		(83)	23,350	8	33,120

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES RESERVES

Year Ended 31 July 2019

	<u>Income and Expenditure Reserve</u>		<u>Restricted Reserve</u>	<u>Revaluation Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 August 2018	(50)	21,832	483	87,179	(50)	109,494
Surplus/(Loss) on Continuing Operations after Tax	(28)	(12,300)	0	0	(28)	(12,300)
Actuarial Adjustment	(55)	(14,392)	0	0	(55)	(14,392)
Transfer to/from Revaluation Reserve	0	3,000	0	(3,000)	0	0
Revaluation of Buildings in Year	0	0	0	50,042	0	50,042
Disposal of Revalued Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement on Restricted Funds	0	0	(21)	0	0	(21)
Total Comprehensive Income in the Year	(83)	(23,692)	(21)	47,042	(83)	23,329
Balance at 31 July 2019	(133)	(1,860)	462	134,221	(133)	132,823
Balance at 1 August 2017	(58)	(12,609)	510	88,473	(58)	76,374
Surplus/(Loss) on Continuing Operations after Tax	0	(2,481)	0	0	0	(2,481)
Actuarial Adjustment	8	35,797	0	0	8	35,797
Transfer to/from Revaluation Reserve	0	1,125	0	(1,125)	0	0
Revaluation of Buildings in Year	0	0	0	(169)	0	(169)
Disposal of Revalued Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement on Restricted Funds	0	0	(27)	0	0	(27)
Total Comprehensive Income in the Year	8	34,441	(27)	(1,294)	8	33,120
Balance at 31 July 2018	(50)	21,832	483	87,179	(50)	109,494

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 July 2019

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
		<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible Fixed Assets	11	0	59	0	117
Tangible Fixed Assets	12	0	436,608	0	403,592
Long-term Investments	13	0	4	0	4
Total Fixed Assets		0	436,671	0	403,713
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	0	55	0	46
Debtors	15	4	9,690	11	9,421
Cash at Bank and in Hand	16/20	81	12,581	32	11,145
Total Current Assets		85	22,326	43	20,612
Less: Creditors – Amounts Due in One Year	17	(96)	(31,293)	(48)	(30,760)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(11)	(8,967)	(5)	(10,148)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(11)	427,704	(5)	393,565
Less: Creditors – Amounts Due After More Than One Year	18	0	(124,397)	0	(129,776)
Finance Liability	12	0	(139,549)	0	(144,249)
NET ASSETS BEFORE PENSION ASSET/LIABILITY		(11)	163,758	(5)	119,540
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	19	0	(9,915)	0	(10,078)
Funded Pension Provision	22	(122)	(21,020)	(45)	32
NET ASSETS AFTER PENSION LIABILITY		(133)	132,823	(50)	109,494
RESERVES					
Income and Expenditure – Unrestricted		(133)	(1,860)	(50)	21,832
Restricted Reserve		0	462	0	483
Revaluation Reserve		0	134,221	0	87,179
TOTAL		(133)	132,823	(50)	109,494

The financial statements on pages 41 to 63 were approved by the Board on 27 January 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Janie McCusker
GCRB Chair
27 January 2020

Jim Godfrey
GCRB Interim Executive Director
27 January 2020

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended 31 July 2019

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
		<u>GCRB</u> £'000	<u>Group</u> £'000	<u>GCRB</u> £'000	<u>Group</u> £'000
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities					
Surplus/(loss) for the Year		(28)	(18,092)	0	(2,481)
Adjustment for non-cash items					
Depreciation and Amortisation	11/12	0	17,743	0	17,645
Disposal of Fixed Asset		0	9,730	0	0
Revaluation		0	0	0	0
Impairment		0	123	0	12
Decrease/(increase) in Stock	14	0	(9)	0	1
Decrease/(increase) in Debtors	15	7	(269)	103	(1,395)
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	17/18	48	(4,846)	(83)	(4,917)
Increase/(decrease) in Other Provision	19	0	(163)	0	(1,663)
Increase/(decrease) in Pension Provision	22	22	6,660	12	4,919
Increase/(decrease) in Restricted Reserve		0	(21)	0	(27)
Investment Income	4	0	(32)	0	(27)
Interest Paid	9	2	14,258	1	15,437
Capital Grant Income Received		0	(3,337)	0	(4,222)
		51	21,745	33	23,282
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Cash Payments to Acquire Fixed Assets	12	0	(4,720)	0	(6,367)
Capital Grants Received		0	3,337	0	4,222
Cash Flows from Financing Activities					
Interest Paid	9	(2)	(14,258)	(1)	(15,437)
Investment Income	4	0	32	0	27
Finance Lease Creditor	12	0	(334)	0	(323)
Capital Element of Finance Lease and Concessions	12	0	(4,366)	0	(4,043)
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow from Investments and Financing Activities		(2)	(20,309)	(1)	(21,921)
(Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Equivalents in the Year	20	49	1,436	32	1,361
Cash and Equivalents at Beginning of Year	16	32	11,145	0	9,784
Movement in Net Funds	16	49	1,436	32	1,361
Cash and Equivalents at End of Year	16	81	12,581	32	11,145

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SFC GRANTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Recurrent Grant	445	88,541	381	82,370
Childcare Funds	0	4,142	0	3,599
Capital Grants Received	0	1,434	0	2,109
Capital Grant for NPD Contract	0	20,102	0	20,064
Release of Deferred Capital Grants	0	8,496	0	8,162
Other	0	6,905	57	6,446
Total SFC Grants	445	129,620	438	122,750

2. TUITION FEES AND EDUCATION CONTRACTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Further Education – Home and EU	0	1,598	0	1,905
Further Education – non-EU	0	2,367	0	1,766
HE Fees	0	15,070	0	14,911
SDS Contracts	0	2,735	0	1,807
Education Contracts	0	8,248	0	8,592
Other Contracts	0	585	0	550
Total Tuition Fees and Education Contracts	0	30,603	0	29,531

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3. OTHER INCOME

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Residences and Catering	0	4,825	0	4,572
Other European Income	0	465	0	509
Other Income Generating Activities	0	1,233	0	1,298
Other Grant Income	0	2,163	0	2,180
Release from Deferred Grants non-SFC	0	1,461	0	1,833
Other Income	0	1,804	0	2,211
Total Other Income	0	11,951	0	12,603

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other Interest Received	0	32	0	27
Total Investment Income	0	32	0	27

5. DONATIONS AND ENDOWMENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Donations with Restrictions	0	1,188	0	6,426
Total Donations and Endowments	0	1,188	0	6,426

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6. STAFF COSTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Wages and Salaries	296	83,719	213	79,456
Social Security Costs	31	8,226	22	7,990
Pension Costs	44	13,404	30	12,570
FRS102 Pension Adjustment	20	6,570	11	4,034
Provision for Unfunded Pensions	0	252	0	(975)
Total Recurring Staff Costs	391	112,171	276	103,075
Exceptional Staff Costs	0	705	0	2,322
Total Staff Costs	391	112,876	276	105,397

Analysed as follows:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Academic Teaching Departments	0	70,601	0	69,507
Academic Teaching Services	0	12,901	0	11,077
Administration and Central Services	371	15,115	265	13,382
Premises	0	4,026	0	3,786
Other Expenditure	0	1,002	0	695
Catering and Residences	0	1,704	0	1,569
FRS102 Pensions Adjustment	20	6,570	11	4,034
Provisions for Unfunded Pensions	0	252	0	(975)
Total Recurring Staff Costs	391	112,171	276	103,075
Exceptional Staff Costs	0	705	0	2,322
Total Staff Costs	391	112,876	276	105,397

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Staff Numbers

The average number of persons (including senior post holders) employed during the period, expressed as full-time equivalents (FTE) was:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
Academic Teaching Departments	0	1,410	0	1,447
Academic Teaching Services	0	330	0	307
Administration and Central Services	4	343	3	322
Premises	0	135	0	132
Other Expenditure	0	17	0	19
Catering and Residences	0	69	0	65
Total Number of Staff	4	2,304	3	2,292

Through the National Bargaining process, the following pay awards were implemented during academic year 2018-19.

As instructed by Colleges Scotland Employers Association, the migration from the current salary scales to the new National Pay Scale commenced in order to generate a notional salary for April 2019. Harmonisation of Teaching salaries began in April 2017 in which 25% of the difference between the current and the notional was added to the annual salary, with a further 25% a year later and the final 50% added to the annual salary to complete the harmonisation in April 2019. In April 2019, the actual salary paid will be the notional salary identified in the migration process.

Agreement was reached by Colleges Scotland Employers Association and Support Unions in October 2018 which results in a pay award for support staff for period April 2018 to March 2019 as follows: 3% on salary points less than or equal to £36,500, 2% on salary points greater than £36,500, minimum payment of £650 (FTE), maximum payment of £1600 (FTE) for those earning £80k or more and within scope of the NRPA. The related costs for period April 2018 to July 2019 have been included in the financial statements.

The Senior Management Teams, which are not covered by National Bargaining, received a pay awards determined by the relevant employing body.

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The number of staff, including senior post-holders, who received emoluments¹ were as follows:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
£60,001 to £70,000 per annum	0	22	0	21
£70,001 to £80,000 per annum	1	3	0	4
£80,001 to £90,000 per annum	0	5	1	11
£90,001 to £100,000 per annum	1	9	0	14
£100,001 to £110,000 per annum	0	2	0	5
£110,001 to £120,000 per annum	0	1	0	8
£120,001 to £130,000 per annum	0	1	0	1
£130,001 to £140,000 per annum	0	1	0	0
£140,001 to £150,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£150,001 to £160,000 per annum	0	0	0	1
£160,001 to £170,000 per annum	0	1	0	4
£170,001 to £180,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£180,001 to £190,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£190,001 to £200,000 per annum	0	0	0	1
Total Staff Costs	2	45	1	70

The number of senior post-holders who received emoluments were as follows:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
£60,001 to £70,000 per annum	0	1	0	0
£70,001 to £80,000 per annum	1	2	0	1
£80,001 to £90,000 per annum	0	3	1	7
£90,001 to £100,000 per annum	1	5	0	1
£100,001 to £110,000 per annum	0	0	0	2
£110,001 to £120,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£120,001 to £130,000 per annum	0	1	0	1
£130,001 to £140,000 per annum	0	1	0	0
£140,001 to £150,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£150,001 to £160,000 per annum	0	0	0	1
£160,001 to £170,000 per annum	0	1	0	0
£170,001 to £180,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£180,001 to £190,000 per annum	0	0	0	0
£190,001 to £200,000 per annum	0	0	0	1
Total Staff Costs	2	14	1	14

¹ Emoluments include salary, benefits in kind, severance payments but exclude pension contributions.

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7. SENIOR POST-HOLDERS EMOLUMENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
The number of senior post-holders at 31 July:	2	16	2	15
Senior post-holders' emoluments are made up as follows:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Salaries	169	1,436	126	1,371
Benefits in Kind	0	0	0	0
Severance	0	2	0	111
Pension Contributions	31	257	23	248
Total Emoluments	200	1,695	149	1,730

	<u>31 July 2019</u>	<u>31 July 2018</u>
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>GCRB</u>
Emoluments of the GCRB Executive Director:	£'000	£'000
Salaries	90	87
Benefits in Kind	0	0
Pension Contributions	16	15
Total Emoluments	106	102

The GCRB Executive Director is an ordinary member of the Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme. The Board's contributions to the scheme were paid at the same rate as for other members of academic staff.

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8. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Academic Teaching Departments	0	5,930	0	5,931
Academic Teaching Services	0	3,369	0	2,593
Administration and Central Services	80	5,894	161	6,658
Premises	0	12,132	0	11,470
Catering and Residences	0	2,797	0	2,663
Childcare	0	4,142	0	3,599
Disposal – North Hanover Street	0	9,350	0	0
Other	0	2,872	0	2,125
Total Operating Costs	80	46,486	161	35,039

Other Operating Expenses Include:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Auditors' Remuneration:				
External Audit	21	118	21	129
Internal Audit	8	104	11	90
Other Services – External Audit	4	8	0	27
Other Services – Internal Audit	0	0	7	9
Agency Staff Costs	0	526	0	570
Hire of other assets – Operating lease	0	104	0	95

9. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCE COSTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
NPD Contract	0	14,168	0	14,552
Net Pension Financing Costs	2	90	1	885
Total Interest and Other Finance Costs	2	14,258	1	15,437

10. TAXATION

The Board does not consider that GCRB or the Group was liable for any corporation tax arising out of its activities during the period.

11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

GCRB does not hold any intangible assets itself and therefore all of the assets below are those of the Group.

	<u>31 July 2019</u>	<u>31 July 2018</u>
	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation		
Brought Forward at 1 August	230	230
Additions	0	0
Carried Forward at 31 July	230	230
Amortisation		
Brought Forward at 1 August	113	55
Charge for the Period	58	58
Carried Forward at 31 July	171	113
Net Book Value at 31 July	59	117
Net Book Value at 1 August	117	175

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12. TANGIBLE ASSETS

GCRB does not hold any tangible assets itself and therefore all of the assets below are those of the Group.

	<u>Assets under Construction</u>	<u>Land & Buildings</u>	<u>Plant & Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation				
Brought Forward at 1 August	1,008	401,111	48,786	450,905
Additions	428	1,842	2,449	4,719
Disposals	0	(5,269)	(834)	(6,103)
Transfers	(1,008)	1,008	0	0
Impairment	0	0	(123)	(123)
Revaluations	0	26,609	0	26,609
Carried Forward at 31 July	428	425,301	50,278	476,007
Depreciation				
Brought Forward at 1 August	0	15,715	31,598	47,313
Charge for the Period	0	9,637	8,048	17,685
Disposals	0	(1,331)	(834)	(2,165)
Impairment	0	0	0	0
Revaluations	0	(23,434)	0	(23,434)
Carried Forward at 31 July	0	587	38,812	39,399
Net Book Value at 31 July	428	424,714	11,466	436,608
Net Book Value at 1 August	1,008	385,396	17,188	403,592
Represented by:				
At valuation	0	92,429	0	92,429
Inherited	0	9,866	0	9,866
Financed by Capital Grant	428	138,904	5,908	145,240
Other	0	183,515	5,558	189,073
At 31 July 2019	428	424,714	11,466	436,608

The land and buildings have been included in the balance sheet on the basis of independent property valuations. The land and buildings owned, and occupied by the colleges comprise property, which may not be disposed of, without prior approval of the Scottish Funding Council. Should publicly funded assets be sold, the proceeds may be liable to be surrendered under the terms of the Financial Memorandum with the Scottish Funding Council.

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Included in the above is the element of the exceptional impairment that relates to an asset held under a service concession arrangement by City of Glasgow College. The value of the liabilities resulting from the service concession arrangement at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>	<u>31 July 2018</u>
	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000
Brought Forward at 1 August	148,615	152,658
Additions during the year	0	0
Repayments in the year	(4,366)	(4,043)
Carried Forward at 31 July	144,249	148,615

The following table analyses the future payments in relation to the service concession arrangement:

	<u>Payable in 1 year</u>	<u>Payable in 2- 5 years</u>	<u>Payable later than 5 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Liability repayments	4,700	21,519	118,030	144,249
Finance charge	13,751	50,257	114,274	178,282
Service arrangement	3,442	15,797	136,039	155,278
Total	21,893	87,573	368,343	477,809

13. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Government Stock at Cost	0	4	0	4

14. STOCKS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Goods for Resale	0	55	0	46

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15. DEBTORS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Trade Debtors	0	3,799	0	2,912
Funds Held by SFC	0	0	0	0
Other Debtors	1	202	9	230
Prepayments and Accrued Income	3	5,689	2	6,279
Total Debtors	4	9,690	11	9,421

16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	81	12,377	32	11,094
Bursaries and Student Fund Accounts	0	204	0	51
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	81	12,581	32	11,145

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Trade Creditors	0	1,955	8	1,715
Other Taxation and Social Security	0	2,688	0	2,269
Other Creditors	58	1,420	5	1,048
Deferred Income – Government Capital Grants	0	8,119	0	8,853
VAT Creditor	0	155	0	176
VAT accumulated under the Lennartz Principle	0	711	0	1,200
Accruals and Deferred Income	38	11,355	35	10,955
Payments Received in Advance	0	190	0	178
Finance Liability – NPD Contract	0	4,700	0	4,366
Total Creditors Due Within One Year	96	31,293	48	30,760

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Deferred Income – Government Capital Grants	0	124,397	0	129,407
VAT accumulated under the Lennartz Principle	0	0	0	369
Total Creditors Due After One Year	0	124,397	0	129,776

19. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The unfunded pension liability is in respect of future pension liabilities arising from early retirals. The valuation of the Group's liabilities relating to the unfunded early retirement provision has been undertaken by an independent firm of actuaries.

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Brought Forward at 1 August	0	10,078	0	11,741
Expenditure in the period	0	(629)	0	(688)
Adjustment to Provision	0	466	0	(975)
Carried Forward At 31 July	0	9,915	0	10,078

20. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	<u>31 July 2018</u>		<u>Cash Flow</u>		<u>31 July 2019</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	32	11,094	49	1,283	81	12,377
Bursaries and Student Fund Accounts	0	51	0	153	0	204
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	32	11,145	49	1,436	81	12,581

21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial Assets				
Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost	82	21,119	41	19,246
Financial Liabilities				
Financial Liabilities Measured at Amortised Cost	98	155,035	46	159,288

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income. Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors (excluding VAT creditor) and accruals.

22. PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

The Region's employees belong to one of two principal pension schemes, the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (STSS) and the Strathclyde Pension Fund (SPF).

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme	16	8,091	14	8,123
Strathclyde Pension Fund	28	5,093	15	4,448
Unfunded Pensions	0	466	0	(975)
Pensions Charge	20	6,570	11	4,034
Total Pensions Cost	64	20,220	40	15,630

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Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme (STSS)

- GCRB and the Region participates in the Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme. This is an unfunded statutory public service pension scheme with benefits underwritten by the UK Government. The scheme is financed by payments from employers and those current employees who are members of the scheme and paying contributions at progressively higher marginal rates based on pensionable pay, as specified in the regulations. The rate of employer contributions is set with reference to a funding valuation undertaken by the scheme actuary. The last four-yearly valuation was undertaken at 31 March 2016 and this has set the contribution rate from 1 September 2019.

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- GCRB and the Region has no liability for other employers' obligations to the multi-employer scheme.
- As the scheme is unfunded there can be no deficit or surplus to distribute on the wind-up of the scheme or withdrawal from the scheme.
- The scheme is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefit scheme.
- It is accepted that the scheme can be treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme in circumstances where the GCRB and the Region is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme.
- The employer contribution rate from 1 September 2015 was 17.2% of pensionable pay. While the employee rate applied is variable it will provide an actuarial yield of 9.6% of pensionable pay.
- At the last valuation (31 March 2016) a shortfall was identified in the notional fund and the employer contribution rate increased to 23% from 1 September 2019.

Strathclyde Pension Fund

- The Strathclyde Pension Fund (SPF) is a funded defined benefit scheme and has its assets held in separate trustee administered funds.
- The pension cost is assessed every three years in accordance with the advice of a qualified independent actuary. The assumptions and other data that have the most significant effect on the determination of the contribution levels are as follows:

Valuation Date		31 March 2017
Valuation Method		Projected Unit
Market Value of Assets		£19,699 million
Actuarial Assumptions	Pre-retirement discount rate	3.7%
	Post-retirement discount rate	3.3%
	Salary increase rate	3.6%
	Pension increase rate	2.4%

- For the purposes of FRS 102 an actuarial valuation was calculated by the actuary as at 31 July 2019. The major financial assumptions used by the actuary and agreed by GCRB, and the Region, were:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>	<u>31 July 2018</u>
Pension Increase Rate	2.4%	2.4%
Salary Increase Rate	3.6%	3.6%
Interest Income on Assets	2.2%	2.8%
Discount Rate	2.2%	2.8%

- Life expectancy is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2018 model with an allowance for smoothing of recent mortality experience and long-term rates of 1.5% p.a. for males and 1.25% p.a. for females. Based on these assumptions, average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Current Pensioners	20.7	22.9
Future Pensioners	22.2	24.6

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- The assets in the scheme at the last actuarial review date were:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Equities	114	128,288	83	115,850
Bonds	42	47,368	29	39,823
Property	18	19,737	14	19,911
Cash	2	1,974	4	5,431
Total Assets	176	197,367	130	181,015

- An allowance is included for future retirements to elect to take 50% of the maximum additional tax-free cash up to HMRC limits for pre-April 2009 service and 75% of the maximum tax-free cash for post-April 2009 service.
- The following amounts represent GCRB's, and the Region's, share of the scheme at 31 July 2019 and were measured in accordance with the requirements of FRS 102:

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Group</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fair Value of Employer Assets	176	197,367	130	181,015
Present value of defined benefit obligations (liabilities)	(298)	(218,387)	(175)	(180,983)
Net (under) funding in Funded Plans	(122)	(21,020)	(45)	32
Net Pension Asset/(Liability)	(122)	(21,020)	(45)	32

Amount Charged to Staff Costs (Note 6)

Current service cost	40	9,783	26	8,311
Past service cost	5	1,325	0	1
Curtailments and settlements	0	0	0	0
Less contributions paid	(25)	(4,538)	(15)	(4,278)
Total Charged to Staff Costs	20	6,570	11	4,034

Amount Charged to Interest and Other Finance Costs (Note 9)

Interest income on pension costs	4	5,099	3	4,509
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	(6)	(5,189)	(4)	(5,394)
Total Charged to Interest	(2)	(90)	(1)	(885)
Net Revenue Account Cost	22	6,660	12	4,919

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- The contribution rates are set by the scheme actuaries.

	<u>Employer contribution rates</u>	<u>Employee contribution rates (based on employee pensionable pay)</u>
1 st August 2017 to 31 st July 2018	19.3%	5.5%-12%
1 st August 2019 to 31 st July 2019	19.3%	5.5%-12%

The actuary of the Strathclyde Pension Fund has set higher employer contribution rates to recover the scheme net liability. The fund has sufficient assets to cover all of the benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for future increases in earnings.

The employer contribution for the period to 31 July 2019 is £28,000 for GCRB and £4,554,000 for the Group.

23. FE BURSARY AND OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS

	<u>Bursary</u>	<u>EMA</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Year ended 31 July 2019</u>	<u>Year ended 31 July 2018</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance brought forward	(93)	(49)	101	(41)	(4)
Opening SFC Debtor	0	(14)	0	(14)	(36)
Allocation received in year	19,738	994	3,413	24,145	22,112
Expenditure	(19,271)	(930)	(3,359)	(23,560)	(21,387)
Repaid as clawback	(108)	0	(95)	(203)	(33)
Virements	(159)	0	(22)	(181)	(672)
Closing SFC Debtor	51	0	(6)	45	(21)
Balance carried forward	158	1	32	191	(41)
Represented by:					
Repayable as Clawback	158	1	32	191	(41)
Retained for Students	0	0	0	0	0
	158	1	32	191	(41)

All Bursary and Student Support Grants are available solely for students, the Region acting only as paying agent. The grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

GCRB does not distribute Bursary and Student Support Grants directly to students and the figures in the above table relate to the Region.

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24. CHILDCARE FUNDS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>	<u>31 July 2018</u>
	£'000	£'000
Balance brought forward	92	0
Allocation received in year	3,882	3,027
Expenditure	(4,142)	(3,599)
Virements	181	664
Balance carried forward	13	92
Represented by:		
Repayable to SFC as Clawback	13	0
Retained for Students	0	92
	13	92

Childcare Fund transactions are included within the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure in accordance with Accounts Direction issued by the Scottish Funding Council. GCRB does not distribute Childcare Funds directly to students and the figures in the above table relate to the Region.

25. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	<u>31 July 2019</u>		<u>31 July 2018</u>	
	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>GCRB</u>	<u>Region</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Authorised but not contracted for at the year end	0	312	0	550
Authorised and contracted for at the year end	0	305	0	1,445

26. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GCRB and the Region had no material contingent liabilities at 31 July 2019.

27. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events occurring after the year-end which require to be disclosed.

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

GCRB, and the assigned colleges within the region, are bodies incorporated under the Further and Higher Educational (Scotland) Act 1992 and funded by the Scottish Government by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). The SFC and Scottish Government are regarded as related parties.

During the year GCRB, and the assigned colleges, had various material transactions with SFC and with other entities for which the Scottish Government is regarded as the sponsor department such as the Student Awards Agency for Scotland. In addition, there are a number of material transactions with other government departments and bodies such as local authorities, local community planning partnerships and other colleges and universities.

Because of the nature of the operations and composition of our boards (being drawn from local public and private sector organisations), it is inevitable that transactions may take place with organisations in which a member of the GCRB or college boards may have an interest. All transactions involving organisations in which a member of a board may have a material interest are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with normal project and procurement procedures. Board members are required to declare an interest in relevant items on the agenda of meetings of the Board and its standing committees.

GCRB, and the assigned colleges within the region, had transactions during the year with the following bodies in which members of the boards hold, or held, official positions as listed in the table below. The same disclosure of interests has been made in respect of members of the senior management teams.

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Organisation	Regional Body	Member	Type of Transaction	Value £'000
Glasgow City Council	Glasgow Kelvin College	S Birrell, A McTaggart	Grants	541
Glasgow Kelvin Learning Foundation	Glasgow Kelvin College	I Patrick	Grants	61
Glasgow City Council	Glasgow Kelvin College	S Birrell, A McTaggart	Income	137
Skills Development Scotland	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Inglis	Income	1,886
East Renfrewshire Council	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Robertson	Income	11
Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board	Glasgow Kelvin College	I Patrick, S McLaughlin	Income	145
Glasgow Caledonian University	Glasgow Kelvin College	E Clafferty, E O'Neil	Income	177
Glasgow City Council	Glasgow Kelvin College	S Birrell, A McTaggart	Expenditure	437
Glasgow East Arts Company Ltd	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Sherry, J Gow	Expenditure	61
Colleges Partnership	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Sherry	Expenditure	34
East Renfrewshire Council	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Robertson	Expenditure	9
Scottish Qualifications Authority	Glasgow Kelvin College	A Sherry	Expenditure	364
Glasgow Caledonian University	Glasgow Kelvin College	E Clafferty, E O'Neil	Expenditure	1
Colleges Scotland	GCRB	J McCusker	Expenditure	1
Clyde Marine	City of Glasgow College	C McMurray	Income	1,760
Glasgow Caledonian University	City of Glasgow College	J Gallacher	Income	885
Trinity House	City of Glasgow College	P Little	Income	76
University of Glasgow	Glasgow Clyde College	D Watt, R Fraser	Income	59
University of Glasgow	Glasgow Clyde College	D Watt, R Fraser	Expenditure	20
Strathclyde University	Glasgow Clyde College	S Heidinger	Income	42
Strathclyde University	Glasgow Clyde College	S Heidinger	Expenditure	2
Glasgow Clyde Education Foundation	Glasgow Clyde College	K Rosser, F Godsman	Grants	564
REED	Glasgow Clyde College	K Rosser	Expenditure	62
Skills Development Scotland	Glasgow Clyde College	G McGuinness	Income	541
Scottish Qualifications Agency	Glasgow Clyde College	G McGuinness	Expenditure	709
BAE Systems	Glasgow Clyde College	G Whiteford	Income	152
Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges	Glasgow Clyde College	J Thomson	Expenditure	44
West of Scotland Colleges' Partnership	Glasgow Clyde College	B Hughes	Expenditure	35