



## LEWS CASTLE COLLEGE

## Colaisde a' Chaisteil STORNOWAY, ISLE OF LEWIS

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Year to 31 July 2019

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## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JULY 2019

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#### PERFORMANCE REPORT

#### Overview

During 2016/17 the University of the Highlands and Islands, as Regional Strategic Body, reviewed the allocation of Credits and consequent funding to each College in the UHI partnership. While the region as a whole is meeting its Credit target there was a need to review internal allocations. The target for the College has been set at 5,348 from 2018/19 onwards.

During 2018/19 the College achieved a total of 5,266 Credits of activity. The Highlands and Islands Region again met its regional target and therefore there has been no clawback of funding allocated to the College.

#### PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

The Board presents its report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019.

#### **Scope of the Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements cover all activities of the College. The College also has a trading company, Lews Castle College (Trading) Limited, which is currently dormant.

#### **Mission Statement**

To deliver excellent learning and teaching, research and enterprise: locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

#### Strategic Plan

In March 2018, after a period of consultation with stakeholders, the College Board of Management approved a revised Strategic Plan (Strategic Vision and Aims) covering the period 2018 – 2023. From that Strategic Plan, College Senior management developed an Operational Plan for the Academic session 2018-19. The Board will monitor performance of the College against this Plan which will be reviewed and updated each year.

In developing the Strategic Plan we identified a set of four strategic aims, linked to four core values that will guide how we will make decisions, and how our staff, students and stakeholders will work with each other:

Our Strategic Aims	Our values
Have a clear organisational identity with an attractive curriculum offer.	Provide leadership We will strengthen our existing partnerships and inspire those we collaborate with, by example, to achieve our shared vision.
Promote equal opportunities for all staff and students to achieve their personal aims.	Embrace Fairness We will give a high value to inclusiveness and will treat individuals with respect and assist them in the pursuit of their personal objectives.
Match student achievement to local, regional, and national demands.	Pursue Excellence We will seek to help students and staff develop the essential skills to achieve their academic and personal best.
Be a socially responsible and accountable organisation.	Be Accountable We will fulfil our obligations and responsibilities to all stake holders in the pursuit of a sustainable strategy for educational excellence.

Having agreed our Strategic Plan and taking account of the changes resulting from the regionalisation of College provision and the continuing development of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) we revised our organisational and management arrangements during 2017-18 and these arrangements remain in place.

#### CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

#### **Student Centred Approach**

We believe that our student support services are a major strength of our provision and demonstrate the high value we place upon the student being at the centre of the learning process. We will continue to promote and organise our courses, recruit and retain students so that we achieve the funded student numbers that are conditions of grant from the Scottish Funding Council. In doing this, we will ensure our programmes meet fundability criteria, and regularly monitor progress against targets.

We intend to increase our efforts on behalf of the people of the Outer Hebrides and to become a major force for addressing concerns about demographic change. The realisation of our ambitions and vision will require us to make best use of our people, our natural, economic and cultural environment, our developing expertise in ICT and learning, our excellent estate, and our growing reputation for specialist courses. In doing so, we will retain more of our people in the islands, and bring increasing numbers of new people to the Outer Hebrides, to learn, to engage in research, and to develop new businesses that will benefit from co-location with innovative applied research.

#### **Curriculum Developments**

The further education curriculum will continue to change over the coming years, reflecting the increased demand for specialist courses in, for example:

- engineering, maritime and construction,
- Gaelic,
- renewable energy and energy efficiency,
- IT skills, and
- schools.

We will aim to keep more of our young people on the islands, to offer them real choice in education, training and careers, and routes to the achievement of the highest levels of qualification available to them, as well as to employment in the local economy. New courses have been introduced in Jewellery and Fashion Design & Manufacture to meet demand for new courses covering the Creative Industries and additional development paths have been introduced due to the success of the initial offerings. Continued ESIF funding has been secured to invest further in the Fashion Design & Manufacture courses as well as funding to develop the engineering portfolio.

Building on the achievement of university title in February 2011 the University of the Highlands and Islands has extended its offer of a wide range of learning opportunities to students and Lews Castle College has contributed to this. The College has led in the development of new programmes in the Education area with the Masters in Education and new developments in initial teacher education including the Gaelic PGDE programme for Secondary Teachers. New Honours degrees have been introduced in Geography, Gaelic Scotland and Engineering.

A Director of Further Education Transformational Change has been seconded to the College from the University of the Highlands and Islands to focus on maximising opportunities in further education and ensuring the future sustainability of the College curriculum within the resources it has available.

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#### **KEY ISSUES & RISKS**

Although the College is small, we still provide a wide-ranging tertiary curriculum to our students. Principal risks relate to maintaining student numbers into the future in a context where the curriculum offer is necessarily wide and the demographic challenges, both local and further afield, mean that the student market is reducing.

The significant changes facing the College as a result of the creation of regional governance arrangements will continue to put significant strain on College leadership resources. As funding for FE activity has reduced, staffing has been reduced as a result. National Bargaining has significantly increased staffing costs. This has been mitigated by receiving additional funding and it is essential that this funding continues to be available. Revised Managerial arrangements at the College are working well and the College continues to participate in regional initiatives to improve the efficiency of the University partnership. Regional responsibilities have been accommodated within existing resources and work continues to extend the sharing of resources and services across the partnership. Risks and opportunities are managed by the Audit Committee of the Board on an ongoing basis.

#### STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

We value the contribution of our students and staff to the success of the College and we continue to encourage their participation in the planning and delivery of our activities.

We have two principal partnerships:

- The first of these is with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and other academic partners in UHI.
- At local, Outer Hebrides, level, the College works with other organisations to secure efficiencies and plan effectively for the delivery of services related to education, training and research. In particular, we work with NHS Western Isles, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and other agencies in the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership. We are fully committed to our membership of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership and work closely with partner organisations to plan and implement single outcome agreements that provide a coherent set of activities for our communities.

We continue to deploy staff to develop links with major industry and business partners and to establish liaison groups for local employers in both the public and private sectors.

#### **Equal Opportunities and Employment of Disabled Persons**

We are committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all and we are actively developing our equality arrangements.

#### **Disclosure of Information to Auditor**

The Board members who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the College's auditor is unaware; and each Board member has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the College's auditor is aware of that information.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY Financial Results

The College sustained a net deficit on operations of £23,000. This is based on an operating loss of £470,000 for the year, less accounting adjustments of £320,000 for pension charges. The balance was accounted for by the net depreciation cost for the year of £127,000. This compares with a surplus of £25,000 last year. Note 23 of the accounts contains further details on these adjustments. They can be summarised as follows:

	Year to	Year to
	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
	£'000	£'000
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year as per statement of	(470)	(313)
comprehensive income		
Add back:		
Net Depreciation	127	137
Pension Adjustment – Net service cost	322	212
Pension Adjustment – Net interest cost	23	79
Pension Adjustment – Early retirement provision	(25)	(90)
Underlying operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(23)	25

One consequence of college reclassification as central government bodies, is that from 1 April 2014, while colleges continued to prepare accounts under the FE/HE Statement of Recommended Practice, they are now also required to comply with Central Government budgeting rules. This affects amongst other things, the way in which non-cash depreciation charges are treated and how the colleges spend the cash funds earmarked for depreciation. There is potential for this spend to move the college's Statement of Comprehensive Income into a deficit position.

The impact of the above has contributed £127,000 to the reported surplus/deficit for the 2018-19 accounting year. However, the Scottish Funding Council has confirmed (in its letter to the College on 30 March 2015) that a deficit resulting from the College following its 30 January 2015 guidance, should be treated as a 'technical' deficit and should not be interpreted on its own, as a challenge to the College's ongoing financial sustainability. Audit Scotland accepts that a deficit arising from the use of cash funding originally provided for non-cash depreciation does not indicate an underlying financial sustainability concern.

There are accumulated reserves of £5,465,000 (2018: £2,922,000). The main balance sheet movements were:

- Fixed Assets increase of £4,722,000 due to depreciation and revaluation.
- Current Assets increase of £114,000 due to movement in debtors and bank balance.
- Creditors due within one year increase of £195,000 largely due to changes in the value of deferred capital grant and accruals & deferred income.
- Creditors due after more than one year increase of £461,000 due to increased deferred capital grant as a result of backlog maintenance funding, partially offset by the release of deferred capital grant within the year.
- Provisions increase of £1,662,000 due to movements in the pension provisions.

The table below shows the actual resource requirement for the funding year to 31 March 2019 against the forecast.

Year to 31 March 2019	Actual	Budget	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income	2,579	2,556	23
Expenditure	6,159	5,850	309
Total (Resource DEL)	3,580	3,294	286
Capital DEL	0	0	0

#### **Cash Budget for Priorities**

Following reclassification as a central government body from 1 April 2014, the College is now required to comply with Central Government budgeting rules. In addressing the impact of these rules, Scottish Government and SFC committed to providing the cash budget previously earmarked for depreciation for use on specified priorities. The budget was spent as outlined below.

Revenue Priorities	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
2015/16 Lecturers Pay Award	47	47
Estates costs	96	96
Total	143	143

#### **Taxation Status**

The College is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator as a Scottish Charity and is exempt from corporation tax and capital gains tax. The College receives no similar exemption in respect of Value Added Tax.

#### **Cash Flows and Liquidity**

The nature of the College's operations is such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows and outflows. The approved cash flow projections for the period to 31 July 2020 indicate no requirement for an overdraft facility. Forecasts approved by the Board of Management, as part of its Financial Forecast Return in September 2019, indicate that the College would be able to operate through 2019/20 without the need of a bank overdraft.

#### **Creditor Payment Policy**

The College complies with the CBI Prompt Payment Code and has a policy of paying its suppliers within 30 days of the invoice unless the invoice is contested. All disputes and complaints are handled as quickly as possible.

The College's average payment period was 24 days during 2018-19 (23 days in 2017-18). The College was not required to pay any interest during the year under the late payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

#### **RESOURCES**

We will continue to make the most of our resources and expertise to provide as good a service to our students and other customers as is possible. We will work with our UHI partners to deliver efficiencies in the way we operate as part of our progress towards long-term financial stability and security, so that we can concentrate our energies on learning, teaching, scholarship, research and commercialisation of that research.

The allocation of resources from UHI remains an issue of contention. While the Board Chair sits on the FE Regional Board, which allocates Further Education funding, no such opportunity exists to influence the allocation of funding for Higher Education.

Underpinning our ambitions is our need to grow our staff. We will ensure that continuing professional development is funded and delivered so that we support and sustain the professional development of our staff, and by doing so, continue to offer high quality learning experiences to our students. As a fully committed partner, we will develop our staff as appropriate so that they can contribute to the growth and development of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

The College continues to seek funding to cover the additional costs arising from the requirement to pay an Islands Allowance to staff. These additional costs are not currently provided for in the funding arrangements. Discussions with UHI and SFC have clarified that this funding is not currently provided and that the additional cost in 2018/19 to the College was £296,843. Receipt of this additional funding would allow the College to develop its curriculum offer to provide for the needs of the local community and economy.

#### **Value for Money**

Value for money (VFM) is considered as a matter of course during the work of Internal Audit and issues identified are reported to the College.

Overall, there was evidence to support the College's achievement of VFM regarding the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the systems reviewed.

#### **Performance Indicators**

A total of 357 students were recruited on to full time courses throughout the College in session 2018-19, with a further 1,894 undertaking part-time courses ranging from short one day courses to Postgraduate level. Pupils from Secondary Schools throughout the Outer Hebrides are also catered for in timetabled vocational programmes at the College, linked to their school studies.

In accordance with SFC requirements, the College is required to publish and report progress against targets for national priorities. These indicators monitor the implementation of the College's financial objectives. The performance indicators used by the College measure actual results as follows:

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КРІ	Purpose	Actual 2017-18	Actual 2018-19	Target 2019-20	Trend
FE Activity in Credits	Number of Credits per year	5,125	5,266	5,259	/
Student numbers	Students enrolled on FE courses after census date	1,879	2,069	1,900	<b>/</b>
Overall early retention	Measures student retention before cut-off date	97.4%	99.2%	98%	<b>/</b>
Overall retention	Measures student retention	93.8%	95.5%	95%	/
Student outcome FE	Measures FE student success	86.3%	88.4%	88%	_
Operating surplus / (deficit) as a % of income	Measures the surplus on continuing operations as a % of total income	0.43%	(0.36%)	0%	-
Non SFC income as a % of income	Measures non SFC income as a % of total income	32.6%	30.7%	32.0%	<u></u>
Staffing costs as a % of total income	Measures staff costs excluding exceptional staff costs as a % of total income	77.1%	79.8%	82.8%	
Current assets : current liabilities	Measures the college's ability to pay its current liabilities	0.59	0.63	1.0	/
Days cash	Cash divided by total expenditure less depreciation expressed in days	10.6	6.9	15	_
Staff turnover	FTE staff (permanent) that leave during the year divided by total permanent FTE staff	4.85%	7.81%		
Working days lost through sickness absence	Working days lost per staff FTE	10.93	10.96		

I can confirm that the College has complied with Scottish Government sustainability reporting in line with the requirements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. The Schedule to the 2015 Order sets out the required content for the report to Scottish Government and the report was submitted on time on 29 November 2019.

	Date	
Iain Macmillan		
Principal		

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

#### **Corporate Governance Report**

#### **Legal Status**

The College was established in 1952 and incorporated under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 on 1 April 1993. The College is a registered charity (Scotlish Charity Number SC021204) for the purposes of the Charity and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act.

#### **Directors' report**

#### **Members**

The Members who served on the Board of Management during the year, and up to the date of the accounts being signed, were as follows:

Board Member	Committees	Status of	Date of Board	Date of
	Served during the	Appointment	Appointment	Retiral
I. a. Minter	year	T., 1., 1.,	01/00/2016	05/11/2010
Ian Minty	Board Chair	Independent	01/09/2016 06/11/2018	05/11/2018
Iain Macmillan	Board	Duin ain al	01/01/2012	
Tain Macmilian	Board	Principal	01/01/2012	
Anne Macaulay	Board	Independent	01/06/2016	10/07/2019
_	Audit	•		
Amanda Jane MacIver	Board	Independent	01/06/2016	
	Audit	_		
Donald John Macritchie	Board	Independent	31/07/2014	31/07/2016
			15/09/2016	30/04/2019
Christine Morrison	Board	Independent	01/09/2016	
	Audit			
Billy Mackinnon	Board	Academic Staff	01/08/2018	
Norman Macleod	Board	Support Staff	01/08/2018	
Caroline Macpherson	Board	Student	15/12/2015	07/01/2019
Florence Jansen	Board	Student	01/08/2018	
Archie Macdonald	Board F&GP	Independent	06/11/2018	
Annag Maclean	Board	Independent	06/11/2018	25/06/2019
Timag Wacican	Doard	macpendent	00/11/2010	23/00/2017
Annie Macsween	Board	Independent	06/11/2018	
	Audit			
Ian McCulloch	Board	Independent	06/11/2018	
	F&GP			
Fiona Pearson	Board	Independent	06/11/2018	

A record of Member's attendance at meetings is shown in Appendix 2.

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#### Statement of Board of Management's responsibilities

The Board of Management is required to present audited financial statements for each financial year. In accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992, the Board of Management is responsible for the administration and management of the College's affairs, including ensuring an effective system of internal control, and is required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

The Board of Management is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the College and enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992, the 2015 Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education Institutions and other relevant accounting standards. In addition, within the terms and conditions of a Financial Memorandum agreed between the Regional Strategic Body, the University of the Highlands and Islands, and the College's Board of Management, the Board of Management, through the Principal, is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the College's state of affairs and of the surplus or deficit and cash flows for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Management is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the College will continue in operation. The Board of Management is satisfied that it has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and for this reason the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the financial statements

The Board of Management has taken reasonable steps to:

- Ensure that funds from the Scottish Funding Council are used only for the purposes for which they have been given and in accordance with the Financial Memorandum with the Funding Council and any other conditions which the Funding Council may from time to time prescribe
- Ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard public funds and funds from other sources
- Secure the economical, efficient and effective management of the College's resources and expenditure

The key elements of the College's system of internal financial control, which is designed to discharge the responsibilities set out above, include the following:

- Clear definitions of the responsibilities of, and the authority delegated to, heads of academic and administrative departments
- A comprehensive medium and short-term planning process, supplemented by detailed annual income, expenditure, capital and cash flow budgets
- Regular reviews of key performance indicators and business risks and quarterly reviews of financial results involving variance reporting and updates of forecast outturns
- Clearly defined and formalised requirements for approval and control of expenditure, with investment decisions involving capital or revenue expenditure being subject to formal detailed appraisal and review according to approval levels set by the Board of Management
- Comprehensive Financial Regulations, detailing financial controls and procedures, approved by the Audit Committee and the Finance & General Purposes Committee
- Professional internal audit team whose annual programme is approved by the Audit Committee and endorsed by the Board of Management and whose Head provides the Board of Management with a report on internal audit activity within the College and an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's system of internal control, including internal financial control

Any system of internal financial control can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material mis-statement or loss.

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#### **Governance Statement**

#### STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

#### Introduction

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all areas of corporate governance. This summary describes the manner in which the College has applied the principles in the 2016 Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Colleges. Its purpose is to help the readers of the financial statements understand how the principles have been applied.

#### **Governing Body**

The Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act makes the Court of the University of the Highlands and Islands accountable for all college and university level education in the Highlands and Islands. The Further Education Regional Board is the committee of the Court which ensures the colleges in the region work together to meet the needs of their respective communities as well of those of the wider area. The Chair of Lews Castle College UHI Board of Management is an ex-officio member of the Further Education Regional Board.

In 2018/19 the Board of Management consisted of 15 members comprising of the Chair, The Principal, two students members, two staff members and ten independent members. The Board met five times during the year, The Audit Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee both met three times.

#### Appointments or extension of appointments to the Board of Management

In November 2018, five new members were appointed. No members had their appointment extended.

#### **Board Effectiveness Review**

The Board Effectiveness Review was conducted in December 2017 and resulted in a number of Recommendations and an Action Plan which the Board monitors at Board meetings. Progress was made in 2019 towards completing the recommended actions and work will continue to complete the outstanding points noted in the Statement of Compliance below.

#### **Board Evaluation and Development**

Board Members engaged in a self-evaluation exercise in August 2019 using the Thinking Board evaluation tool. The exercise resulted in several overarching themes and a Board Development Plan for 2019 to 2020. The Board has considered this at its most recent meeting and will monitor progress in 2019/20.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises of the Audit Committee Chair, and three other independent members. The Board Chair and the Principal are not members but attend at the invitation of the Committee, the Head of Finance, the internal and external auditors are usually in attendance.

The Committee operates in accordance with the written terms of reference approved by the Board of Management. It compiles an annual audit report for consideration by the Board of Management. It's remit is to advise the Board and to review and monitor governance, monitor risk management, consider reports from internal auditors, and monitor progress on recommendations for the improvement of the College's systems. It also receives and considers reports from the Scottish Funding Council as they affect the College's business, and monitors adherence to the regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee advises the College on the appointment and remuneration of internal auditors. The Committee met three times in 2018/19 and meets privately with External Audit at least once per year.

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#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee comprises of the Board Chair, the Audit Committee Chair and the Senior Independent Member. The Committee operates in accordance with the written terms of reference approved by the Board of Management. It's remit is to advise the Board on the remuneration and benefits of the Principal and other senior staff. The Committee did not meet in 2018/19 and so the Principal's salary, excluding that relating to his secondment to UHI, continued at the 17/18 level. The Committee will meet in 2019/20 to consider the remuneration of all senior staff.

#### **Estates Strategy**

The College Estates Strategy is evidence-based and allows the College to continue with its programme of aligning its estate to the emerging needs of students and curriculum delivery requirements going forward. The College buildings have all been built or substantially upgraded since 1999 and provide good quality facilities. In addition to it's own buildings the College also leases teaching accommodation from Taigh Chearsabhagh in North Uist to deliver art courses.

While there is sufficient capacity at the Stornoway Campus there are significant physical constraints in Benbecula and North Uist. The College is working with local agencies to find solutions to these constraints. There is also a recognised need for additional student accommodation close to both the Stornoway and Benbecula campuses and the College is involved in partnership projects, which are seeking to address this shortage.

The Board discussed the Estate Condition Survey conducted in June 2017 and approved a revised Estates Strategy on 14th November 2017,

#### Statement of compliance

The College complies with all of the principles of the 2016 Code of Good Governance for Scottish Colleges with the exception of the following items:

**A14** - The board must appoint one of the non-executive members to be the senior independent member to provide a sounding board for the chair and to serve as an intermediary for the principal, other board members and the board secretary when necessary (see Annex 1 for the definition of 'non-executive'). The senior independent member should also be available where contact through the normal channels of chair, principal or secretary has failed to resolve an issue or for which such contact is inappropriate.

The senior independent board member resigned in July 2019. A new SIP will be appointed at the Board on 17 December 2019.

**D24** - The board must agree a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the board chair and the committee chairs. The evaluation of the board chair should normally be led by the vice-chair/senior independent member.

The college is taking action to address this by appointing a new SIP in December 2019 and will undertake an effectiveness review of the Committee Chairs. The Chair's review was completed in October 2019.

#### Review of non-compliance in 2017/2018

The following areas of non-compliance were identified in 2017/18. The actions taken are noted below each finding:

A 7 -The board must ensure that a comprehensive performance measurement system is in place which identifies key performance indicators. It must ensure that it scrutinises performance measures and reports these on their website in a manner that is both timely and accessible to stakeholders. This will allow the board to determine whether or not the vision and mission of the region or the college are being fulfilled and that the interests of stakeholders are being met.

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The Board approved a comprehensive measurement system in December 2018 and implemented it immediately.

C8 -The board may delegate responsibilities to committees for the effective conduct of board business. As a minimum the committees required are Audit, Remuneration, Finance and Nominations/Appointments. Delegation of responsibilities from and matters reserved to the board and its committees must be set out in a scheme of delegation including the functions delegated by the board to the chair, committees, the principal and the board secretary (and any other members of staff). Incorporated college boards and regional boards have no powers to delegate functions to an individual board member (except the chair who has no authority to act outwith their delegated powers).

The Board reintroduced the Finance and General Purposes in February 2019, it meets four times a year.

D9 -The college board must ensure a clear process is in place to set and agree personal performance measures for the principal. This process should seek the views of students and staff. The chair, on behalf of the board, should monitor, review and record the principal's performance, at least annually, against the agreed performance measures.

The Board approved a set of personal performance measures for the Principal in December 2018 and implemented it immediately. The measures are reviewed every six months.

#### **Corporate Strategy**

The Board of Management is responsible for the overall strategic development of the College and is the custodian of its strategic vision. The College Strategic Vision and Aims for 2018 to 2023 were approved by the Board of Management in March 2018. The Board regularly monitors progress on the strategic aims at Board meetings.

#### Risk management and internal control

The College's Board of Management is responsible for the College's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. Such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material mis-statement or loss.

The Board of Management is aware of the need for effective internal financial control and acknowledges its responsibility for the system for such control operated by Lews Castle College. The system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period

In the year ended 31 July 2019 the system of internal financial control was based on administrative procedures, including segregation of duties appropriate to the size of organisation. The Principal continues to monitor and review financial control arrangements and reports to the Board of Management.

The system of financial control includes:

- a comprehensive budget setting process, with the annual budget being approved by the Board of Management
- preparation of regular management accounts and revision of the budget for the second half of the period
- regular monitoring of budgets by senior management

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- ongoing review of the reporting requirements of the Board
- regular review of the Risk Register by the Audit Committee

Updated Financial Regulations and operational procedures were approved by the Audit Committee on 14th November 2017, these include a Fraud Response Plan. The College includes risk assessment as an integral part of the strategic and operational planning process. The role of the Board of Management and its committees in the development and review of risk management has been clarified, and relevant risks are identified and systematically addressed through the regular review of the Risk Register.

#### **Internal Auditor's Annual Report Conclusion**

The internal auditors stated in their annual review:

"TIAA is satisfied that, for the areas reviewed during the year, Lews Castle College has reasonable and effective risk management, control and governance processes in place. This opinion is based solely on the matters that came to the attention of TIAA during the course of the internal audit reviews carried out during the year and is not an opinion on all elements of the risk management, control and governance processes or the ongoing financial viability or your ability to meet financial obligations which must be obtained by the College from its various sources of assurance."

#### Details of any significant lapses of data security

In 2018/19 there were no lapses of data security.

#### **Going Concern**

The Board of Management confirms that the College is a going concern as described in the Code of Good Governance for Scotland's College 2016 and that the financial statements have been prepared on this basis. The accounting policies on page 29 comment on the going concern aspects of the preparation of the accounts.

#### Conclusion

The Board continues to develop the governance arrangements of the College to ensure that it attains full compliance with the Code of Good Governance.

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#### Remuneration and staff report

#### REMUNERATION REPORT

The remuneration policy of the College is such that any salary increase is applied equally to all Academic staff, Support staff and Senior Managers. Following agreement for all other staff grades, it is normal practice that a proposal is then put to the Remuneration Committee to recommend that the Principal receives the same settlement. It is then for the Committee to decide whether or not the Principal should receive a pay award.

As the only member of staff who is appointed directly by the Board of Management, and the only member of the Board who is remunerated (other than the staff representatives), the Principal is the only post which requires Committee approval and therefore the only post required to be identified individually in the remuneration report.

During 2016/17 the Principal took up a 0.5FTE secondment with UHI Executive Office. This secondment ended in November 2018. For the duration of this secondment, approximately half of his salary and costs were recharged to Executive Office.

The following table provides detail of the full remuneration and pension interests of the Principal. This section of the Remuneration Report is subject to audit.

	12 Mon	ths ending 31	July 2019	12 Months	ending 31 July	y 2018
Name	Salary £'000	Pension Benefit £'000	Total £'000	Salary £'000	Pension Benefit £'000	Total £'000
Iain Macmillan – Principal	83	32	115	83	41	124

As per the UK Government Financial Reporting Manual, the value of the pension benefit is calculated as the real increase in pension over the year 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. This does not represent any actual payment made during the financial year by either the employee or the College. The Principal is an ordinary member of the Highland Council Pension Fund and, as such, pays contributions and receives benefits at the same rate as all other members.

The accrued pension benefits for senior officials are set out in the table below, together with the pension contributions made by the College.

Name	Accrued	Accrued	Real	Real	CETV at	CETV at	Real
	pension at	lump sum	increase	increase	31 July	31 July	increase
	pension	at pension	in	in lump	2019	2018	in CETV
	age at 31	age at 31	pension	sum			
	July 2019	July 2019	1 April	1 April			
			2017 to	2017 to			
			31 July	31 July			
			2018	2018			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Iain	21	16	2	1	352	319	26
Macmillan	21	16	2	1	332	319	20

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#### **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.

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

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.

#### Real Increase in CETV

This reflects the increase in CETV that is funded by the employer. It does not include the increase in accrued pension due to inflation, contributions paid by the employee (including the value of any benefits transferred from another pension scheme or arrangement) and uses common market valuation factors for the start and end of the period.

#### **Trade Union Activity**

In accordance with the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017, the College provided the following support through paid facility time for union officials working at the College during the year ended 31 July 2019.

#### **Relevant union officials**

Number of employees who were relevant	Full-time equivalent employee number:
union officials during the relevant period:	
3	0.26

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Number of employees:	Percentage:
-	0%
3	1%-50%
-	51%-99%
-	100%

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time:	£13,088
Total pay bill:	£5,064,427
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on	0.26%
facility time:	

#### Paid trade union activities

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Time spent on trade union activities as a	100%
percentage of total paid facility time hours:	

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#### **Median Remuneration**

Colleges are required by the FReM to disclose the relationships between the remuneration of the highest paid official and the median remuneration of their workforce.

Based on the 12 month equivalent figures above, the remuneration of the highest paid official in the organisation in the financial year 2018-19 was £76,318 (2017-18 £83,509). This was 2.4 times (2017-18 £32,680).

No employees left under voluntary exit terms during the year and there were no redundancy or compensation for loss of office payments made. (2017/18 - £nil)

The College employed 87 females and 54 males as at 31 July 2019.

	Date
Iain Macmillan	
Principal	

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#### 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 Lews Castle College and its group for the year ended 31 July 2019 under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Consolidated and College Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure, Consolidated and College Statement of Changes in Reserves, Consolidated and College Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows 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 the college and its as group at 31 July 2019 and of the deficit 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 14 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

#### 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 college 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:

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• the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

• the college 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 <u>Audit Scotland</u> website, the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that we identified and our conclusions thereon.

#### Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Board of Management's Responsibilities, the Board of Management 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 of Management 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 of Management is responsible for assessing the college'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.

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

#### Other information in the annual report and accounts

The Board of Management is responsible for the other information in the annual report and accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements, the

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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 of Management 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.

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#### 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.

Stephen Reid, (for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP)
Ernst & Young LLP,
Atria One
144 Morrison Street,
Edinburgh,
EH3 8EX

Date:

Ernst & Young LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006. The maintenance and integrity of Lews Castle College's website is the responsibility of the Board of Management; the work carried out by the auditor does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditor accepts no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the web site.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdiction.

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure 31 July 2019

		Year to 31 July 20 (Consolidat College	)19 ed &	Yea 31 July (Consoli Coll	y 2018 dated &
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
SFC grants	2	4,398		3,893	
Tuition fees and education contracts	3	814		782	
Other grant income	4	454		613	
Other operating income	5	675		491	
Interest		1		0	
Total Income			6,342		5,779
Expenditure					
Staff costs	6/8	5,064		4,456	
Other operating expenses	8	1,227		1,107	
Depreciation	8/11	498		450	
Interest payable	9	23		79	
Total Expenditure			<u>6,812</u>		<u>6,092</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus before other gains losses			(470)		(313)
(Deficit)/Surplus before tax			(470)		(313)
Taxation			0		0
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year			(470)		(313)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of land and buildings			4,330		0
Actuarial (loss) / gain in respect of pension schemes			(1,317)		2,413
Total comprehensive income for the year			2,543		2,100
Represented by: Unrestricted comprehensive income for the			2,543		2,100
year			<b>-</b> ,5 15		2,100
Attributable to the College			2,543		2,100

All of the above relate to the continuing activities of the Group and College.

The notes on pages 29 - 43 form part of the Financial Statements.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is prepared under the FE/HE SORP. The SORP does not permit colleges to reflect the non-cash budget for depreciation in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Note 22 provides details of the adjusted operating position on a Central Government accounting basis.

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

Year ended 31 July 2019

	Income & Expenditure Account Unrestricted	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 August 2017	(3,682)	4,504	822
Surplus/(deficit) from the income and expenditure statement	(313)	0	(313)
Other comprehensive income	2,413	0	2,413
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure reserve	132	(132)	0
Total comprehensive income for the	2,232	(132)	2,100
year			
Balance at 1 August 2018	(1,450)	4,372	2,922
Surplus/(deficit) from the income and expenditure statement	(470)	0	(470)
Other comprehensive income	(1,317)	0	(1,317)
Gain on revaluation	0	4,330	4,330
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure reserve	132	(132)	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	(1,655)	4,198	2,543
Balance at 31 July 2019	(3,105)	8,570	5,465

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#### COLLEGE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

Year ended 31 July 2019

	Income & Expenditure Account Unrestricted	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 August 2017	(3,687)	4,504	817
Surplus/(deficit) from the income and expenditure statement	(313)	0	(313)
Other comprehensive income	2,413	0	2,413
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure reserve	132	(132)	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,232	(132)	2,100
Balance at 1 August 2018	(1,455)	4,372	2,917
Surplus/(deficit) from the income and expenditure statement	(470)	0	(470)
Other comprehensive income	(1,317)	0	(1,317)
Gain on revaluation	0	4,330	4,330
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure reserve	132	(132)	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	(1,655)	4,198	2,543
Balance at 31 July 2019	(3,110)	8,570	5,460

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CONSOLIDATED AND COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2019					
		Group 2019	College 2019	Group 2018	College 2018
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	11	16,288	16,288	11,566	11,566
Investments		1	1	1	1
		16.289	16.289	11,567	11,567
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	529	524	371	366
Cash and cash equivalents		120	120	164	164
		649	644	535	530
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	14	1,028	1,028	834	834
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)		(379)	(384)	(299)	(304)
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,910	15,905	11,268	11,263
Creditors: amounts falling due after					
more than one year	15	(7,086)	(7,086)	(6,625)	(6,625)
Provisions					
Pension Provisions	16	(973)	(973)	(998)	(998)
Defined benefit liabilities	16	(2,385)	(2,385)	(723)	(723)
Total NET ASSETS		5,465	5,460	2,922	2,917
Total NET ASSETS		3,403	3,400	2,722	2,717
RESERVES					
Income and expenditure reserve - unrestricted		(2,864)	(2,869)	(1,450)	(1,455)
Revaluation reserve		8,329	8,329	4,372	4,372
<b>Total Reserves</b>		5,465	5,460	2,922	2,917

These financial statements on pages 24 to 43 were approved on 17 December 2019 by the Board of Management and are signed on its behalf by:

Ian Minty	Iain Macmillan
Chair of the Board of Management	Principal

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JULY 2019

	Year to 31 July 2019 £'000	Year to 31 July 2018 £'000
Cash outflow from operating activities		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(470)	(313)
Adjustment for non-cash items		
Depreciation	498	450
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(158)	13
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	656	(272)
Increase/(Decrease) in pension provision	320	201
Adjustment for investing or financing activities		
Investment income	1	0
Interest payable	0	0
Net cash inflow from operating activities	847	79
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments made to acquire fixed assets	(890)	(58)
	(890)	(58)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Interest paid	0	0
	0	0
(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(43)	21
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	164	143
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	121	164

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JULY 2018

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2015, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) They have been prepared in a form prescribed by the Scottish Ministers and in accordance with paragraph 28 of schedule 2 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and in accordance with the Accounts Direction published by SFC. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The consolidated financial statements, including 2017/18 comparatives, include the College and its subsidiaries, as detailed at note 12. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income and expenditure account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal. All intra-group sales and profits are eliminated fully on consolidation.

The College is a public benefit entity under the requirements of FRS102.

#### Judgements in applying policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Management 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 past 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 of Management are satisfied that the accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently. Key sources of estimation have been applied as follows:

#### **Estimate and basis:**

#### Valuation of buildings:

College buildings are of a specialist nature and are valued on a periodic basis by an independent, qualified valuer.

#### **Useful economic lives of buildings:**

Buildings are depreciated over their expected remaining useful economic life as assessed by an independent, qualified valuer. Buildings owned by the College are split into components and each component is valued and depreciated separately. Land owned by the College is not depreciated.

#### **Recoverable amount of trade debtors:**

Trade debtors are reviewed by appropriately experienced senior management team members with appropriate provision for non-payment of debt being charged to the financial statements as required.

#### Obligations under defined benefit pension schemes:

The Board of Management has relied on the actuarial assumptions of qualified actuaries which have been reviewed and are considered reasonable and appropriate

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. At 31 July 2019 current assets comprised cash and bank balances of £120,000 and debtors of £529,000, expected to convert to cash in the future. Creditors falling due in one year were £1,028,000, bringing net current

liabilities to £379,000. Included within the current liabilities is £371,000 for Deferred Capital Grants. This is income to be realised in the future rather than being a creditor requiring settlement.

In light of the above, the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. However, the nature of the College's operations is such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows and outflows.

#### **Fixed Assets**

By a direction from the SFC, buildings must now be revalued every five years and depreciated in line with their remaining useful life, as assessed by a suitably qualified surveyor.

Equipment costing less than £5,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition, except where the item forms part of a group costing more than £5,000. All other equipment is capitalised at cost.

#### **Depreciation**

Buildings are depreciated based on the value of the building itself and the associated services within it. The life of the buildings is assessed independently of each other. The value of the land is not subject to depreciation. Depreciation is provided only on equipment at the following rates:

Buildings: Straight line over remaining useful life

Equipment: 15% straight line Motor Vehicles: 25% straight line IT Equipment: 25% straight line

#### **Retirement Benefits**

All new members of staff have the option of joining a pension scheme. The schemes currently open to new members of staff are the Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme (STSS) and the Highland Council Pension Fund (HCPF).

Full provision has been made for those pension costs which do not arise from externally funded defined benefit schemes.

#### Highland Council Pension Fund (HCPF)

The HCPF is a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets and liabilities of the scheme are held separately from those of Lews Castle College. Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using 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 Scheme are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the College. The contributions are determined by an actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the Age Attained Method. Variations from regular cost are spread over the expected average remaining working lifetime of members of the schemes, after making allowances for future withdrawals. The amount charged to the statement of financial activities represents the service cost expected to arise from employee service in the current year.

#### Scottish Teachers Superannuation Scheme (STSS)

Lews Castle College participates in the STSS pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of Lews Castle College. Lews Castle College is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 102, accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the year.

#### **Recognition of Income**

#### **Government Capital grants**

Government Capital Grants are released to income in accordance with the accrual model over the useful life of the asset it relates to on completion of the development phase. The accrual model requires the College to recognise income on a systematic basis over the period in which the College recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate.

#### **Government revenue grants**

Government revenue grants are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the period in which the College recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate.

#### **Non-Government grants**

Non-government capital and revenue grants are recognised using the performance model. If there are no performance conditions attached the grants are recognised as revenue when the grants are received or receivable.

A grant that imposes specific future performance related conditions on the recipient is recognised as revenue only when the performance related conditions are met.

A grant received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

#### Non-exchange transactions

Non-exchange transactions, such as donations of cash, goods, assets or services, are recognised using the performance model.

Non-exchange transactions that impose specific future performance related conditions on the recipient is recognised as revenue only when the performance related conditions are met

Non-exchange transactions with restrictions attached are recorded within the income on entitlement. The restricted income received is held in the temporarily restricted reserve until such time that expenditure is incurred in accordance with the restrictions

#### **Taxation**

The College has been granted charitable status by HM Revenue and Customs, as determined by the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, it is exempt from Corporation Tax on the services it provides.

The College however is required to pay VAT. As most of the services provided are exempt VAT supplies, the College is unable to recover all the input VAT it incurs on goods and services purchased.

#### **Investments**

The investment in the subsidiary undertaking is stated at cost.

#### **Bursaries and Other Student Support Funds**

In accordance with Scottish Funding Council (SFC) guidelines, funds received from SFC and SAAS for the payments of Bursaries and other Student Support awards are not included in the College's Income and Expenditure Account, as the College acts only as paying agent. Some childcare funding and costs are recognised in the income and expenditure, as broken down in note 20.

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#### **Maintenance of Premises**

The cost of routine corrective maintenance is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period that it is incurred.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the College has a present legal or constructive obligation, 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 of the obligation.

#### Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the Balance sheet when the College becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All of the College's financial instruments are classified as 'basic' in accordance with Chapter 11 of FRS102. All of the College's financial instruments are initially measured at transaction price. At the end of each reporting period, basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets are de-recognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from asset to expiration, 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

#### **Employee benefits**

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees render service. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount the College expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty.

Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

#### Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

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		Total	5,064	4,456

Academic/teaching departments	2,913	2,636
Academic/teaching services	169	169
Research grants and contracts	85	79
Administration and central services	938	763
Premises	393	333
Other expenditure	212	136
Catering and nursery	354	340
Total	5,064	4,456
Analysed as:		
Staff on permanent contracts	4,908	4,401
Staff on temporary contracts	156	55
Total	5,064	4,456

The average number of full-time equivalent employees, including higher paid employees, during the year was:

	Number 2019	Number 2018
Academic/teaching departments	50	51
Academic/teaching services	5	4
Research grants and contracts	3	2
Administration and central services	22	21
Premises	11	11
Other expenditure	2	3
Catering and nursery	14	13
Total	107	105

#### 7 EMOLUMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND HIGHER PAID STAFF

No member of the Board of Management received a fee for services (2018: £Nil)

	Year to 31 July 2019 £'000	Year to 31 July 2018 £'000
Travel and subsistence paid to members of the Board	4	4
Hospitality		
	4	4
Emoluments of the Principal:	£	£
Salary	82,960	83,550
Employer's pension contributions	14,684	14,788
	97,644	98,338

The Principal is an ordinary member of the LGPS.

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The number of higher paid staff, including the Principal, who received emoluments (for a 12 month period) in the following ranges was:

	2019	2018
£60,001 to £70,000	-	-
£70,001 to £80,000	-	-
£80,001 to £90,000	1	1

All higher paid staff are ordinary members of the appropriate pension scheme and contributions were paid at the same rates as other ordinary members. No member of staff received any benefits in kind.

All higher paid staff received the same increase in salaries as other staff.

The Principal is the only senior member of staff who is a member of the Board of Management of the College.

#### 8 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY

	Staff Costs	Oper'g Exps	Depr'n	Interest Payable	Year to 31 July 2019 Total	Year to 31 July 2018 Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Academic/teaching departments	2,913	247	0	0	3,160	2,819
Academic/teaching services	169	50	0	0	219	216
Research grants and contracts	85	0	0	0	85	79
Administration and central services	938	361	58	23	1,380	1,334
Premises	393	449	440	0	1,282	1,075
Other expenditure	212	48	0	0	260	153
Catering & nursery	354	55	0	0	409	386
Childcare	0	17	0	0	17	29
	5,064	1,227	498	23	6,812	6,091

		Year to	Year to
		31 July 2019	31 July 2018
Other operating expenses include	de:	£'000	£'000
Auditor remuneration:	internal audit	10	15
	external audit	21	22
		31	37

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Total rentals payable under operating leases:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Payable during the year	13	13
Future minimum lease payments due:		
Not later than 1 year	13	13

The leases are in respect of office printers and photocopiers.

# 9 INTEREST PAYABLE 2019 £'000 2018 £'000 Net return on pension assets/liabilities 23 79 23 79

#### 10 TAXATION

The College is not liable to any corporation tax on its activities.

#### 11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS OF THE COLLEGE

	Buildings Feudal	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
Cost	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 August 2017	12,622	1,474	16	14,112
Additions	29	29	0	58
Disposals		-	-	-
At 31 July 2018	12,651	1,503	16	14,170
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2017	773	1,373	8	2,154
Charge for year	385	61	4	450
Disposals		-	-	-
At 31 July 2018	1,158	1,434	12	2,604
Net Book Value	11,493	69	4	11,566
At 31 July 2018				
At 31 July 2017	11,849	101	8	11,958
Inherited	-	-	_	_
Financed by capital grant	11,493	69	4	11,566
Other		-	-	_
At 31 July 2018	11,493	69	4	11,566

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	Buildings Feudal	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
Cost	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 August 2018	12,651	1,503	16	14,170
Additions	802	88	0	890
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	2,732	0	0	2,732
At 31 July 2019	16,185	1,591	16	17,792
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2018	1,158	1,434	12	2,604
Charge for year	440	54	4	498
Disposals	0	0	0	(
Revaluation Adj	(1,598)			(1,598
At 31 July 2019	0	1,488	16	1,50
Net Book Value				
At 31 July 2019	16,185	103	0	16,288
At 31 July 2018	11,493	69	4	11,560
Inherited	0	0	0	
Financed by capital	16,185	103	0	16,28
grant Other	0	0	0	
At 31 July 2019	16,185	103	0	16,28

Buildings of net book value of £3,114,000 have been financed by exchequer funds. Should these assets be sold, the College may be liable, under the terms of the Financial Memorandum with the Scottish Funding Council, to surrender the proceeds. The Land on which the College is located is owned by the college in terms of a Feu Disposition by the Stornoway Trust which allows use of the land, and the buildings on it, for educational purposes only. Since the abolition of feudal ownership in 2004 however, it is much more doubtful that such pre-2004 restrictions could be enforced.

The College has revalued its property as at 31 July 2019, following the direction of the Scottish Funding Council, using the Depreciated Replacement Cost method of valuation. The valuation was first included in 2015/16 accounts following the transition to the latest Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with FRS102.

The valuation was carried out by a RICS qualified surveyor. Site visits were undertaken during September 2019.

#### 12 SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS

Lews Castle College has an investment of £2 in Lews Castle College (Trading) Ltd, a company registered in Scotland. Its issued share capital is two ordinary shares of £1 each, both of which are held by Lews Castle College. The company is currently dormant.

Lews Castle College has a 27% interest in Greenspace Live Limited which has an accounting date of 31 March. The College does not participate in the operational or financial policies of Greenspace and therefore does not consolidate their accounting statements with that of the College.

#### 13 DEBTORS

	Group as at 31 July 2019	College as at 31 July 2019	Group as at 31 July 2018	College as at 31 July 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one				
year:				
Trade debtors	128	128	92	92
Prepayments and accrued income	401	396	279_	274
	529	524	371	366

Financial instrument assets comprise: cash and cash equivalents, trade debtors and accrued income. The value of these financial instruments is £604,671 (2017/18: £490,567).

#### 14 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group as at 31 July 2019 £'000	College as at 31 July 2019 £'000	Group as at 31 July 2018 £'000	College as at 31 July 2018 £'000
Trade creditors	22	22	27	27
Bursary creditor	272	272	250	250
Other taxation and social security	181	181	155	155
Due to Subsidiary	5	5	5	5
Accruals and deferred income	131	131	47	47
Deferred capital grant	371	371	313	313
Holiday accrual	44	44	34	34
Other creditors	3	3	2	2
	1,028	1,028	833	833

Financial instrument assets comprise: trade creditors, bursary creditors, due to subsidiary, accruals and other creditors. The value of these financial instruments is £428,545 (2017/18: £322,386).

#### 15 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group	College	Group	College
	as at	as at	as at	as at
	31 July	31 July	31 July	31 July
	2019	2019	2018	2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Deferred capital grant	7,086	7,086	6,625	6,625
	7,086	7,086	6,625	6,625

#### 16 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Pension Costs	Defined Benefit Liability	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
As at 1 August 2018	998	723	1,721
Provision in year	(25)	1,662	1,637
As at 31 July 2019	973	2,385	3,358

The pension provision relates to future pension enhancement costs arising from early retirements.

The College's employees belong to two principal pension schemes, the Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (STSS) and the Highland Council Pension Fund (HCPF). The total pension cost for the year was:

#### The Scottish Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (STSS)

The STSS is an unfunded defined benefit pension scheme where contributions payable are credited to the Exchequer and a set of investments maintained.

The College paid a contribution rate of 17.2% during the year ended 31 July 2019. The pension charge recorded by the College during the year was equal to the contributions payable. Contributions paid in the year ended 2019 were £395,097 (2018 £357,726).

#### The Highland Council Pension Fund (HCPF)

The HCPF is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 July 2019 was £290,000 of which employer's contributions totalled £217,000 and employees' contributions totalled £73,000.

The actuary estimates that employer's contributions to the scheme will be £217,000 in 2019/20

#### **Principal Actuarial Assumptions**

	At 31 July	At 31 July
	2019	2018
Rate of increase in salaries	3.4%	3.4%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.4%	2.4%
Discount rate for liabilities	2.1%	2.8%

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectancies on retirement age 65 are:

Current manaion are	At 31 July 2019	At 31 July 2018
Current pensioners		
Males	21.9	21.9
Females	24.3	24.3
Future pensioners		
Males	23.3	23.3
Females	26.1	26.1

The estimated split of assets as at 31 July 2018 is as shown below:

	31 July 2019	<b>31 July 201</b> 8
Equities	72%	71%
Bonds	15%	14%
Property	11%	12%
Cash	2%	3%

## Changes in the Fair Value of Plan Assets, Defined Benefit Obligation and Net Liability for year end $31 \, \text{July} \, 2019$

	Assets £'000)	Obligations £'000	Net (liability) / asset £'000
Fair value of plan assets	8,585		8,585
Present value of funded liabilities		9,299	(9,299)
Present value of unfunded liabilities		9	(9)
Opening Position as at 31 July 2018	8,585	9,308	(723)
Service cost		540	(540)
Net interest			
Interest income on plan assets	242		242
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation		265	(265)
Total net interest			(23)
Total defined benefit cost recognised through Income and (Expenditure)	242	805	(563)
Cashflows			
Plan participants' contributions	73	73	
Employer contributions	217		217
Contributions in respect of unfunded benefits	1		1
Benefits paid	(176)	(176)	
Unfunded benefits paid	(1)	(1)	
Expected closing position	8,941	10,009	(1,068)
Remeasurements Changes in demographic assumptions Changes in financial assumptions		1,642	(1,642)
Other experience Return on assets excluding amounts included in net interest	327	2	(2) 327

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Total remeasurements recognised in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI)	327	1,644	(1,317)
Fair value of plan assets	9,268		9,268
Present value of funded liabilities		11,643	(11,643)
Present value of unfunded liabilities		10	(10)
Closing position as at 31 July 2018	9,268	11,653	(2,385)

#### 17 LOSSES AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS

There were no amounts written off during the period in respect of losses and special payments either under a general delegated authority from SFC or on specific authority.

#### 18 CONTINGENCIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no contingencies or capital commitments at 31 July 2019 (2018: NIL).

#### 19 BURSARIES AND OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS

Scottish Funding Council bursary grants and Student Awards Agency for Scotland student support funds are available solely for students; the College acts only as paying agent. The grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the Income and Expenditure Account.

	Y/E	Y/E	Y/E	Y/E	Y/E	Y/E
	31/07/19	31/07/19	31/07/19	31/07/19	31/07/19	31/07/18
	FE	FE	<b>EMAs</b>	Other	Total	Total
	Bursary	Hardship				
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance b/f	82	21	3	3	109	103
Funds received in year	172	5	13	26	216	211
Expenditure	(144)	(5)	(13)	(26)	(188)	(205)
Repaid to SFC	-	-	-	· -	-	
Creditor	-	-	-	_	-	_
Virements	-	-	-	_	-	_
Balance c/f	110	21	3	3	137	109
Represented by:						
Repayable to SFC	-	-	-	_	-	_
Retained for students	110	21	3	3	137	109
	110	21	3	3	137	109
			-			-

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#### 20 CHILDCARE FUNDS

	Year ended 31 July 2019 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2018 £'000
Balance b/f	15	15
Funds received in year	26	39
Expenditure	(25)	(39)
Repaid to SFC	-	-
Balance c/f	16	15
Represented by:		
Repayable to / (Receivable) from SFC	-	-
Retained for students	16_	15
	16	15

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS Payments	Year ended 31 July 2019 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2018 £'000
Bayhead Bridge Centre - Rent	0	8
REHIS	1	0
Staran (Third Sector)	0	1
Synergy – Hairdressing consumables	1	2
Stornoway Port Authority	0	1
UHI	19	26
Receipts		
UHI	227	301
Ken Macdonald & Co	0	1
Stornoway Port Authority	1	1

All transactions involving organisations in which a member of the Board may have an interest, including those identified above, are conducted in accordance with the College's Financial Regulations and usual procurement procedures.

During the period the College had various material transactions with the University of the Highlands & Islands, being the Regional Strategic Body. The University of the Highlands & Islands was designated a higher education institute in April 2001 and received funding from the Scottish Funding Council from 1 July 2002. The College receives funding for higher education activity through the University of the Highlands & Islands, and FE funding through it being the Regional Strategic Body.

The Chair of the Board sits on the FE Regional Board, which allocates the FE funding to Colleges, but there is no equivalent opportunity to influence the allocation of HE funds to Colleges.

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## 22 IMPACT OF DEPRECIATION BUDGET ON STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Following reclassification, colleges received a non-cash budget to cover depreciation but this additional budget is not recognised under the FE/HE SORP accounting rules. Colleges may show a deficit equivalent to net depreciation as a result of having to meet Government accounting rules and the requirement to spend the entire cash allocation.

Under the FE/HE SORP, the college recorded an operating deficit of £486,000 for the year ended 31 July 2019. After adjusting for the non-cash allocation provided under government rules, the college shows an "adjusted" surplus/deficit of £342,000 on a Central Government accounting basis.

	Year ended 31 July 2019 £'000	Year ended 31 July 2018 £'000
Surplus/(deficit) before other gains and losses (FE/HE SORP basis) for academic year	(470)	(313)
Add: Depreciation budget for government funded assets (net of deferred capital grant) for academic year	127	137
Operating surplus/(deficit) on Central Government accounting basis for academic year	(343)	(176)

#### 23 ADJUSTED OPERATING POSITION

The Adjusted Operating Position in the Performance Summary on page 7 contains the following:

	Value	Source
Item	£'000	
Total depreciation	498	SOCI
Total deferred grant	<u>(371)</u>	Notes 2 & 4
Net depreciation	127	

Depreciation does not have an immediate cash impact on the institution and, in any case, capital expenditure will largely be funded by government grants so the charge is taken out.

Note 16

Pension adjustment - Net service cost (FRS102 Staff cost adjustment) 322

The adjustments to the pensions charge represent the net service cost (i.e. the present value of projected benefits resulting from employee service in the current year less cash contributions paid)

Pension adjustment - Net interest costs 23 Note 16

The net interest cost is the interest accumulated on the pension liability and this is offset against the current year's interest earned on pension assets.

Pension adjustment - Early retirement (25) Note 16 provision year-end revaluation charged to SOCI

The early retirement provision adjustment relates to the gain/loss arising from the actuarial valuation during the year. This excludes any adjustments to valuations as a result of adding or deleting employees.

#### 24 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There are no Post Balance Sheet events to disclose.

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#### APPENDIX 1

#### 2018-19 Accounts direction for Scotland's colleges

1. 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.

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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).
- 4. Incorporated colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board are also required to comply with the Government Financial Reporting Manual 2018-19 (FReM) where applicable.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Incorporated colleges and Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board should reproduce this Direction as an appendix to the annual report and accounts.

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Appendix 2

#### Lews Castle College UHI Governance Committee Meetings

#### August 2018 to July 2019

#### Meetings Attendance Record

Name	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2018 Audit	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 Board	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 F&GP	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 Audit	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 Board	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 F&GP	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019 Board	9 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Audit	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 Board	11 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019 F&GP	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 Board
Florence Jansen		0	С		Х		X		X		0
Anne Macaulay	X	Х	С	Х	Х		Х	X	0		Х
Archie Macdonald					Х	Х	Х		0	Х	Х
A Jane Maciver	X	Х	С	Х	Х		Х	Х	0		Х
Billy Mackinnon		Х	С		Х		Х		Х		Х
Annag Maclean					0	0	0		Х	0	
Norman Macleod		0	С		Х		Х		Х		0
lain Macmillan	X	Х	С	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Caroline Macpherson		Х	С		0						
Donald John Macritchie		Х	С		0		0				
Annie MacSween					Х		Х	0	Х		0
Ian McCulloch					Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	0
lan Minty	X	Х	С	Х	х	0	х	Х	Х	х	х
Christine Morrison	X	х	С	0	0		0	Х	х		0
Fiona Pearson					Х		Х		Х		Х

X - PRESENT. O - ABSENT. C - CANCELLED

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