

SFC Strategic Plan

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Recommendations

- To note the outputs from SFC's Board strategy meeting and to take part in a discussion with SFC's Chair to further assist the Board in the development of SFC's new strategic plan and in the corporate planning for its delivery.

Financial implications

- There are none.

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Purpose

1. This paper invites RKEC to note the outputs from SFC's Board strategy meeting and to take part in a discussion led by SFC's Chair to help the development of SFC's new strategic plan (2019).

Background

2. The Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board published its full strategic plan on 17 October 2018¹.
3. SFC's Board held strategy sessions over 9-10 November 2018, at the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC) in Hamilton. This meeting provided an opportunity for SFC's Board to consider how SFC should work with universities and colleges to support the Strategic Board's goals and the Scottish Government's wider priorities over the next five years and beyond. In other words, the output of this Board discussion will be used to develop SFC's new strategic plan for 2019 onwards, to be aligned in timing with the strategic plans of the other Strategic Board partner bodies.
4. The specific session on research and innovation was led by SFC Board and RKEC members Lesley Yellowlees and Mhairi Harrington. Their presentation was shaped, in part, by the advice provided by RKEC at its October 2018 meeting (RKEC/18/20).
5. This session engaged SFC's Board on the challenges and opportunities ahead for Scotland to be an internationally renowned and competitive nation for research and innovation. It focussed on setting our ambition for the future.
6. SFC's Chair will attend this meeting of RKEC to take part in a discussion on the outputs of the board's strategy meeting. He will seek RKEC's views on this so that they can be included at the next meeting of SFC's Board on 6 December 2018 - at which the development of SFC's strategic plan will be discussed. A slide presentation will be prepared to support the discussion.
7. The publication of SFC's strategic plan is expected to be supplemented by a corporate planning process to capture the actions and goals that SFC will set itself for 2019-20 in delivering the first year of the new strategic plan. The Committee will be invited to contribute to that corporate planning process in this discussion.

¹ www.gov.scot/publications/working-collaboratively-better-scotland/

Risk assessment

8. There are no risks directly associated with this paper

Equality and diversity assessment

9. Not applicable to this paper.

Financial implications

10. There are none.

Recommendations

11. To note the outputs from SFC's board strategy meeting and to take part in a discussion with SFC's Chair to further assist the Board in the development of SFC's new strategic plan and in the corporate planning for its delivery.

Publication

12. This paper will be published.

Further information

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