

Finance Committee minutes

The seventeenth meeting of the Finance Committee of the SFC was held on Wednesday 18 April 2018, 10.00am, at 99 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh.

Present: Marlene Wood (Chair)
Douglas Mundie (items 18/17 to 18/30)
Anton Muscatelli

Officers: Gavin Bruce
Duncan Condie
Stuart Fancey
John Kemp
Martin Kirkwood (items 18/28 to 18/35)
Robin Lee
Lorna MacDonald
Sheila Meehan (Clerk)
Andrew Millar
Fiona O'Neill
Martin Smith

In attendance: Kerry Twyman (Scottish Government)
Ben Walsh (Scottish Government)
Danielle Hennessy (Scottish Government)

18/17 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Ben Walsh, new Senior Finance Business Partner from Scottish Government Finance Directorate, members and officers to the meeting.

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

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

The following members noted potential conflicts of interest:

- Anton Muscatelli for papers FC/18/11 and FC/18/17, in relation to the University of Glasgow.
- Douglas Mundie, in relation to occasional consultancy work for the University of St Andrews.

The Chair invited members to indicate if they wished to discuss the starred item on the agenda. The recommendation contained within paper FC/18/21 was **agreed** without discussion.

18/19 Minutes of previous meeting, 23 January 2018 (FC/18/Min01)

The minutes of the 23 January 2018 meeting were **agreed** as a true record of the meeting.

18/20 Matters arising (FC/18/10)

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

18/21 Financial sustainability and governance of the university sector: Analysis of 2016-17 financial statements (FC/18/11)

The Committee received a paper providing a summary of the university sector's financial results for 2016-17 and updating on the Council executive's assessment of institutions' financial sustainability and governance.

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18/22 Financial sustainability and governance of the college sector: Analysis of 2016-17 financial statements (FC/18/12)

The Committee received a paper providing a summary of the college sector's financial results for 2016-17 and updating on the Council executive's assessment of institutions' financial sustainability and governance.

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18/23 Arms-length foundations: 2016-17 update (FC/18/13)

The Committee received an annual update on the funds held within arms-length foundations (ALFs).

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18/24 2017-18 SFC Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter reflecting Spring Budget Revisions (SBR) (FC/18/14)

The Committee received and noted a paper providing the SFC Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter reflecting Spring Budget Revisions (SBR) for 2017-18.

18/25 2017-18 Year End Re-profiling (FC/18/15)

The Committee received and noted a paper providing the 2017-18 final year end re-profiling position.

18/26 2018-19 Draft Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter (Oral)

The Committee noted that the Draft Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter for 2018-19 was expected before the end of April.

18/27 Running costs budget 2018-19 and forward forecast (Oral)

The Committee noted that a full update on the 2018-19 running costs budget would be presented to the May Committee meeting.

18/28 University Final Outcome Agreement Funding Allocations for AY 2018-19 (FC/18/17)

The Committee received a paper setting out the final outcome agreement funding allocations for universities in Academic Year (AY) 2018-19.

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affairs

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18/29 College Final Outcome Agreement Funding Allocations for AY2018-19 (FC/18/18)

The Committee received a paper setting out the final outcome agreement funding allocations for colleges in Academic Year (AY) 2018-19 and a tabled paper providing final capital funding for FY 2018-19.

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18/30 European Social Funds update (Oral)

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

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18/31 Finance Risk Register (FC/18/19)

The Committee received a paper providing the Finance Risk Register.

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18/32 Long term agenda (FC/18/20)

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

18/33 Future Finance Committee meeting dates (FC/18/21)

The Committee received and noted the schedule of Finance Committee meeting dates for 2019.

18/34 Finance Committee reporting to the Council Board (Oral)

The Committee **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting and the reprofiling paper, be provided to the Council Board at its 26 April 2018 meeting, along with updated College and University Final Funding papers.

18/35 Next meeting

31 May 2018, 10.00am