



The 105th meeting of the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council was held on Thursday 22 March 2018 at 12 noon, at 99 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh.

Present: Mike Cantlay (Chair)
John Kemp (Interim Chief Executive)
David Alexander
Mhairi Harrington
Professor Maggie Kinloch
Paul Little (items 18/24 to 18/26)
Douglas Mundie
Dr Keith Nicholson
Dr Veena O'Halloran
Caroline Stuart
Marlene Wood
Professor Lesley Yellowlees

Officers: Michael Cross
Stephen Crowe
Martin Fairbairn (Secretary)
Dr Stuart Fancey
Richard Hancock
Sheila Meehan (Clerk)

Scottish Government: Roddy Macdonald
Danielle Hennessy

Observers: Hannah Falvey (HEFCW)

Apologies: Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli
Luke Humberstone (NUS (Scotland))
David Sweeney (HEFCE)
Dr David Blaney (HEFCW)

18/24 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Hannah Falvey of HEFCW, and Danielle Hennessy and Roddy Macdonald of the Scottish Government to the meeting.

18/25 Chair's introductory remarks, apologies and declarations of interest

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

18/26 SFC's Framework Document with the Scottish Government (SFC/18/17)

The Council received a paper informing of the development of a new Framework Document with the Scottish Government.

In discussion the Council noted that financial oversight of colleges and universities had been removed from the document as it did not fit into the standard format of NDPB Framework Documents, but that SFC would continue to undertake this role.

The Council advised that consideration should be given to the addition of text on the SFC Board feeding back to Scottish Government as required when discharging their functions.

The Council **agreed** to delegate authority to the Chair and the Interim Chief Executive to agree and finalise the document with the Scottish Government.

18/27 Review of Scheme of Delegation (SFC/18/18)

The Council received a paper providing SFC's Scheme of Delegation.

The Council **agreed**:

- That an overarching summary document of the financial and operational plans for the year ahead would be provided to the June Council meeting.
- To approve the Scheme of Delegation.

18/28 Any Other Business (Oral)

The Council **agreed** that, in future, Board meetings would begin at 10am.

18/29 Next meeting: 26 April 2018