



Chair's Report

Purpose

1. This paper provides Council with a report from the Chair on his key external engagements and other relevant business.

External Engagements

2. The Chair's external engagements are noted at the Annex.

Review Committee

3. At the 25 June 2019 Council Board meeting it was agreed that a Council executive-led committee be created to establish the facts and examine the evidence in relation to the payment made to the former Principal of the University of Aberdeen, in order to assess compliance with the Financial Memorandum. Authority was delegated to the Council Chair to determine the chair and members of the Committee.
4. I can now confirm that the membership of the Review Committee (re: University of Aberdeen) is as follows:
 - Karen Watt (Chair)
 - Ali Jarvis
 - Martin Fairbairn
5. The Review Committee will meet to consider the evidence and will then report formally and make recommendations to the Council Board on the outcome of the review.

Risk assessment

6. The content of this paper does not change the analysis of risk contained in the Council's Risk Register.

Recommendations

7. **The Council is invited to note the content of this report.**

Financial implications

8. There financial implications associated with this paper are described above.

Publication

9. This paper will be published on the Council's website.

Further information

10. Contact: Mike Cantlay, chair@sfc.ac.uk .

Chair's key external engagements

Chair's Meetings/Visits – 26 June – 5 September 2019

26 June 2019

Scotland's Fair Access Conference, Perth

26 June 2019

Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board Dinner, Aberdeen

27 June 2019

Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board, Aberdeen

9 July 2019

Petra Wend's Retirement Dinner, Queen Margaret University

11 July 2019

SDS Appointments Early Engagement Meeting, Glasgow

30 July 2019

SFC Board Appointments – Shortlisting Meeting, Glasgow

20 August 2019

SDS Appointments Planning Meeting, Glasgow

21 August 2019

Meeting with Andrea Nolan, Convenor Universities Scotland, Principal & Vice-Chancellor, Edinburgh Napier University