

## **Use of delegated authority**

### **Purpose**

- To report the Chief Executive's use of delegated authority during the period 18 January 2022 until 20 April 2022.

### **Recommendation**

- To note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority from 18 January 2022 until 20 April 2022, under the Council's scheme of delegation.

## Use of delegated authority

### Purpose

1. This paper asks the Board to note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority during the period 18 January 2022 until 20 April 2022.

### Background

2. The Council's agreed scheme of delegation sets out both the matters for which the Chief Executive has delegated authority and the reporting arrangements for the Chief Executive's application of delegated authority. A copy of the full scheme is available from this webpage:

- <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/about-sfc/how-we-operate/sfc-governance/governance-sfc.aspx>

3. The Board also delegates authority to the Chief Executive to implement specific financial decisions.

### Use of delegated authority

4. The Chief Executive has approved the following actions under delegated authority from the Council, as described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

### SG strategic priorities

5. The full list of Scottish Government (SG) strategic priorities is given in Annex A.

### Consents

1 x [ ] paragraphs

### *College sector consents*

3 x [ ] tables

### Joint FE/HE Programme Funds

Grant Line/project	Effective Institutions: JISC
Delegation element	Specific delegated authority following the Non-core Programme Funding Group meeting on 25 January 22 and subsequent Board approval at its March 22 meeting

<b>Amount and purpose</b>	Overall total funding of £8,073,360 for Academic Year 2022-23 (£2,868,000 for colleges and £5,205,360 for universities).  Funding is sought to cover SFC's share of the core Jisc Programme, as set out in the Funding Agreement between Jisc and the UK funding bodies.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	1, 2, 3
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Shared Services: Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	Specific delegated authority following the Non-core Programme Funding Group meeting on 22 February 2022 and subsequent Board approval at its March 2022 meeting.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	Funding of up to £2,386,341 in Academic Year 2022-23 and £2,427,799 in Academic Year 2023-24 split evenly between FE and HE.  Funding is sought to provide funds on behalf of the sectors to APUC to deliver the Scottish Government's Public Procurement Reform Programme.  As this funding is sector led SFC has little input to the budget agreement process. The funding is paid as indicated by the sectors.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	2,4
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

### ***FE programme funds***

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Effective Institutions: College Development Network</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	Specific delegated authority following the Non-core Programme Funding Group meeting on 22 February 2022 and subsequent Board approval at its March 2022 meeting.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	Funding of £1,613,000 for Academic Year 2022-23.  Funding is to enable CDN to continue to support SFC's duty to provide coherent, high quality, fundable further education and fundable higher education provision and specifically to continue to support and respond to the recommendations of the SFC Review of Coherent and Sustainable Provision and continue to deliver against their existing Strategic Framework 2020-23.

<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	1,2,
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Effective Institutions: Energy Skills Partnership (ESP)</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	Specific delegated authority following the Non-core Programme Funding Group meeting on 22 February 2022 and subsequent Board approval at its March 2022 meeting.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	Funding of £1,750,000 at £350,000 per year over Financial Years 2022-27 was requested to extend the existing arrangement between SFC and the ESP. The ESP is a critical investment to support our colleges to respond to the challenges relating to the climate emergency and to support the implementation of the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan (CESAP). Funding of £700,000 for Academic Years 2022-24 was agreed by the Board at its meeting on 11 March 2022.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	1,2,
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

***HE programme funds***

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Effective Institutions: Crichton Infrastructure Fund</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	General delegated authority.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	£846,832 in Academic Year 2021-22. This funding supports the University of the West of Scotland and University of Glasgow with the infrastructure costs associated with their operation on the Crichton Campus, and so supports their overall commitment to deliver HE provision for students in Dumfries and Galloway.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	1 and 2
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Ring-fenced SG funding: Clinical Academics and Senior Academic GPs</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	General delegated authority to accept and award ring-fenced offers of grant from Government.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	£7,315,512 in Academic Year 2021-22. Funding to cover the additional salary costs incurred for Clinical Academics (Consultants) and Senior Academic GPs (the General Practice equivalent of a Clinical Academic) who have a dual role to work for universities, where they are engaged in teaching and research, and the NHS, delivering direct care to patients. There are around 350 Clinical Academics and 25 Senior Academic GPs in Scotland split between the five universities with medical schools: Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St

	Andrews.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	1, 2, and 3
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Ring-fenced SG funding: Scottish Government Innovation Partnerships</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	General delegated authority to accept and award ring-fenced offers of grant from Government.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	£682,000 in Academic Year 2021-22. Funding to Edinburgh Napier University for the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre to deliver a programme of decarbonisation, research and innovation projects on behalf of the Scottish Government’s Low Carbon Economy Unit – Future Homes Unit and the Building Standards Directorate.
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	4
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

<b>Grant Line/project</b>	<b>Research: UKRPIF Net Zero</b>
<b>Delegation element</b>	General delegated authority to accept and award ring-fenced offers of grant from Government.
<b>Amount and purpose</b>	£2,500,000 in Financial Year 2022-23, provided by Research England on behalf of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). Funding to the University of Strathclyde, following their submission of a successful proposal for UK Research Partnership Investment Funding (UKRPIF) for ‘Towards Net Zero Medicines Development & Manufacturing’ which builds on their 2013 UKRPIF award ‘A World-Class National Facility for Continuous Manufacturing and Crystallisation Research for Pharmaceutical Products’ (CMAC).
<b>SG strategic priorities</b>	2
<b>Identified risk</b>	Low

### Publication

- 8 This paper will be published on SFC’s website following the Board meeting in edited form, as indicated in the paper.

### Recommendation

- 9 The Board is asked to note the use of the Chief Executive’s delegated authority from 18 January 2022 until 20 April 2022 under the Council’s scheme of delegation.

## Further information

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**List of Scottish Government strategic priorities**

1	To provide the best student experience, seamlessly connected for learners of all ages and backgrounds
2	To provide high quality learning in a system where institutions work in partnership and demonstrate the highest standards of governance and financial accountability
3	To support Scotland's global reputation as a Science and Research Nation synonymous with high quality teaching, research, knowledge exchange and innovation
4	To operate as a highly effective public body, providing leadership and working in partnership with others to improve outcomes and support an inclusive and sustainable economy