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# **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

A meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held at 15:00 hours on Tuesday 18 May 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

		Lead Speaker	Paper
1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES	Chair	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Chair	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Chair	Α
4	MATTERS ARISING REPORT	Chair	В
5	PRINCIPAL & CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT	A Williamson	С

Item 5 is presently exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 30, Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs.

6 RECRUITMENT & RETENTION DASHBOARD J Pearson

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# 7 FINANCE REPORT

7.1	Management Accounts to March 2021	L Towns	E Attached
7.2	Indicative College Budget 2021/22	L Towns	F
7.3	Financial Forecast 2020/21 to 2024/25	A Williamson	G

Item 7.2 and 7.3 is presently exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 27, Information Intended for Future Publication.

# 8 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

8.1	Human Resources Update	S Clyne	Н
8.2	Workforce Planning Update	A Williamson	ı

Item 8.1 and 8.2 is presently exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 30, Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs.

# 9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

9.1 Review of Committee Operation 2020/21 Chair
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10	FOR I	INFORMATION		
	10 1	Construction & Technical Institu		

Construction & Technical Institute: Outline Business Case Update

Verbal

10.2 Horizon Scanning Report
10.3 Committee Programme of Work 2021/22

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11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed

# POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 18 MAY 2021 PAPER E



FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION			
Meeting	Policy & Resources Co	mmittee 18.05.21	
Presented by	Lindsay Towns		
Author/Contact	Lindsay Towns	Department / Unit	Finance
Date Created	10.05.21	Telephone	
Appendices Appendix 1: Managemen		nent Accounts to March 202	1 (with commentary)
Attached			
Disclosable under FOISA		Yes	

#### **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 2021**

#### 1. PURPOSE

To provide the Policy & Resources Committee with an update on the financial performance of the college.

# 2. BACKGROUND

The Policy & Resources Committee are asked to review the management accounts at each meeting, in order to assess the college's current financial position.

# 3. DETAIL

Contained within Appendix 1.

#### 4. BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Board is responsible for the financial sustainability of the college, and it is considered good practice to monitor all areas of performance that can impact on the college's viability.

#### 5. STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Content inherent within strategic objectives.

# 6. RISK

Content assists monitoring college's financial performance.

# 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Inherent within content.

#### 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Some content may cover legal issues.

# 9. WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

Some content may cover workforce issues.

# 10. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

# 11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

# CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The Policy & Resources Committee are asked to DISCUSS and NOTE the Management Accounts to March 2021.



# FINANCIAL REPORT **8 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **CONTENTS**

Report from Chief Operating Officer

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Credit Activity
- 3. Income Analysis
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   Staff Costs Analysis
   Trading Department
   Cash-flow
   SFC Reporting
   Balance Sheet

- 10. Key Performance Data

# Appendices:

- 1. Income and Expenditure Account Summary and Detail.
- 2. Balance Sheet
- 3. Cash-flow

# **DISTRIBUTION**

**Executive Team** Board of Management P&R Committee Senior Management Group

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### **Credits and SFC Grants**

**1.1** Edinburgh College's core SFC activity target for academic year 2020/21 is **186,612** credits (in line with 2019/20), plus an ESF target of **1,257** credits, equating to a total target of **187,869** credits. The College has had to deliver **3,274** additional credits relating to the Young Persons Guarantee (YPG) and National Transition Training (NTT) funds. Income of £1.8m related to these funds is included in the forecast. The College's target includes **4,015** HNC childcare credits. The College has achieved **190,127** credits to date.

# 1.2 Adjusted Operating Position

As per SFC Measurement basis	Annual Budget 2020/21	YTD Budget 2020/21	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actuals</u> <u>2020/21</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>2020/21</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>YTD</u> 2019/20	Full Year Forecast 2020/21
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
I&E Operating Position	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)
Add:						
Depreciation net of deferred capital grant release	2,515	1,747	1,747	-	1,625	2,515
Deduct:						
Revenue funding allocated to loan repayments **	857	571	571	-	516	1,017
Adjusted Operating Position		423	593	170	(541)	892

<sup>\*\*</sup> The forecast for revenue funding allocated to loan repayments has increased by £160k owing to additional payments in relation to our Granton student accommodation (provided in 2019/20 accounts).

# 1.4 Income and Expenditure

	Annual Budget 2020/21	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Previous YTD	<u>Full</u> <u>Year</u> Forecast
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Funding Council Grants	49,880	30,918	30,046	(872)	30,120	51,872
Tuition Fees and Commercial & Other Income	12,494	10,577	9,452	(1,125)	11,544	10,453
Job Retention Scheme (JRS) Income	-	-	725	725	-	725
Deferred Income	2,486	1,734	1,734	-	2,056	2,486
Total Income	64,860	43,229	41,957	(1,272)	43,720	65,536
Staff Costs	47,570	31,703	32,047	(345)	31,874	48,934
Other Costs	13,946	8,797	6,875	1,923	9,815	11,471
Depreciation	5,001	3,481	3,481	-	3,681	5,001
Exceptional Support Costs	-	-	136	(136)	-	736
Total Expenditure	66,517	43,981	42,539	1,442	45,370	66,142
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus pre year-end pension revaluation adjustments	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)

1.5 The College's annual budgeted operating position for the year is a deficit of £1,658m, which results in an adjusted operating budget for the year of **break-even** (refer para 1.3 for details). This includes savings of £2.1m to be identified during the year. The full year forecast is in line with our mid-year financial review return sent to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) in early April.

The operating position to March shows a deficit of £582k, against a profiled budget deficit of £753k. The main variances are:

- A favourable income variance of £725k as a result of Job Retention Scheme (JRS) income.
- An adverse income variance within tuition fees, commercial & other income of £1,125k (largely FWDF activity, SDS, managing agents, residencies, bespoke contracts & scheduled courses).
- An adverse income variance of £872k within other SFC grants (primarily lower childcare funds offset by lower associated expenditure) and deferred capital formula funds, partly off-set by grants for mental health counsellors & access to sanitary products.
- An adverse expenditure variance within staffing costs of £345k (the net effects of not yet achieving the requisite targeted efficiency savings, partly offset by savings from vacancy churn).
- A favourable expenditure variance within non-staffing costs of £1,923k (lower childcare costs of £626k, reduced premises costs associated with campus closures, a reduction in catering requirements associated with lower commercial income, reductions in re-negotiated contracts and lower VAT associated with lower overall other operating expenditure).

The SFC confirmed that the College will receive £1.8m of unbudgeted YPG & NTT funding to support 16-24 years (YPG) and age 25+ years students, the unemployed and those at risk of redundancy as a result of Covid-19 (including furloughed workers) – this is an increase of £0.8m from last month's projection. The funding also includes an additional £0.44m of student support funds. Courses associated with this funding need to commence by March 2021 and be completed by end of July 2021.

During the month the College received £1.5m of additional non-recurring transition funding to address financial stability, protect jobs, and help students finish their courses and gain qualifications.

Expenditure associated with all of the above additional funding (most of which was notified to the College in March) is in the process of being quantified, with expectations that such costs will largely be staff related. As a result, £650k of additional staff costs have been included in this month's year-end forecast.

The recent VS scheme cost £736k and will result in savings of £256k in the current year and recurring savings of £1.22m from 2021/22.

High-level movements in March 2021 affecting the full year operating forecast are as follows:

	<u>£'000 - Fav /</u>
	<u>(Adv)</u>
YPG / NTT funding	839
Non-recurring SFC transition funding	1,477
Tuition fees (net managing agents and HE-FT students) Commercial & international income (largely FWDF £322k, residencies	(362)
£29k, bespoke £15k and gyms £13k)	(377)
Job Retention Scheme income Staffing (additional costs associated with YPG / NTT / transition	135
funding)	(650)
Other operating expenditure (largely higher net forecast expenditure to address premises and ICT future needs offset by savings of £161k	
associated with lower FWDF delivery)	(169)
Total movements during March affecting operating position:	893

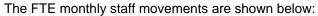
In comparison to the full year B/E budget, the adjusted operating position shows a surplus forecast of £892k, as shown below:

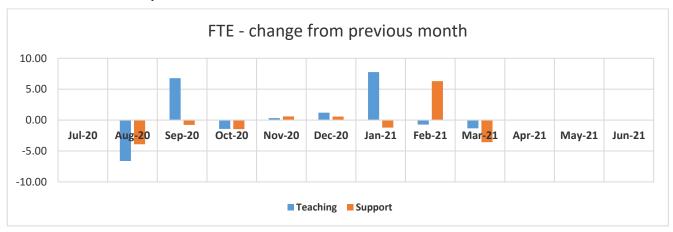
	£'000 - Fav / (Adv)
YPG & NTT funding (including the SAAS element of £69k)	1,758
Non-recurring transition funding Other SFC Grants (capital formula funds deferred to support capex of £500k partly offset by grants to support mental health counsellors,	1,477
access to sanitary products & ECSA of £245k in total)	(255)
Tuition fees (largely net managing agents)	(60)
Catering operation subsidy costs	(100)
Staffing (see para 5 for details)	(1,629)
VS costs (currently unfunded)	(736)
Savings associated with VS costs	265
Net commercial & international contracts	(1,248)
Job Retention Scheme income	725
Other income (largely Nursery & facility hires) Other operating costs (as a result of campus closures, including	(286)
expenditure associated with additional SFC grants of £245k)	1,141
Granton student accommodation vacant rooms costs	(160)
Total YTD movement also affecting cash:	892

# 1.6 Staff (Full Time Equivalent)

<b>FTE</b> Teaching	<b>31/07/20</b> 479.0	<b>31/03/21</b> 485.0	YTD Movement 6.0	<b>31/03/20</b> 492.1
Support	528.7	525.2	(3.5)	537.7
	1,007.7	1,010.2	2.5	1,029.8

Staff numbers have decreased by 4.9 FTE during the month due to VS and student destination interviewer leavers.





# 1.7 **Cash**

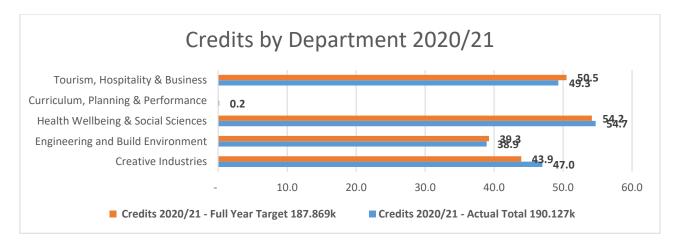
Opening cash	Year-end cash	Comments
01/08/2020	31/07/2021	
£'m.	£'m.	The cash-flow forecast includes all changes to the forecast as outlined in para 1.5
		above. The year-end cash balance of £3.2m is forecast to be £1.3m higher than at
1.52	3.2	February 2021, which was £1.9m.

# 1.8 Capital Expenditure

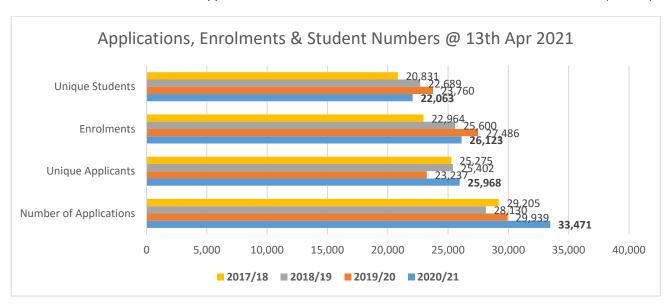
Opening Fixed			Closing Fixed	
Assets	Additions	Dep'n	Assets	Comments
01/08/2020	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	
				Capital funding is allocated as follows: (1) £0.99m to maintain the College estate, (2) £2.19m for condition survey backlog works, (3) £0.76m for priority works /
£'m.	£'m.	£'m	£'m.	'Return to Work / Economic Recovery' and (4) £0.26m
462.9	2.2	(2.5)	162.5	of funding for student digital poverty. £3.2m of capital expenditure has been incurred since the beginning of the funding year (environmental, wellbeing initiatives, ICT projects, student equipment, health & safety and building fabrics work). The balance of the College's capital funding allocation (£0.9m) is committed.
163.8	3.2	(3.5)	163.5	

# 2. CREDIT AND STUDENT ACTIVITY

- 2.1 The activity target for 2020/21 is **187,869** credits, which includes 1,257 credits for ESF funding (subject to our core credit target being achieved). The College will also need to deliver **3,274** additional credits relating to the YPG and NTT Funds.
- 2.2 Current enrolment figures remain encouraging (as shown in para 2.4). The College has achieved **190,127 credits** at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The "Credits by Department" table (below) shows a comparison of faculty performance for the year against full year targets.



2.4 The table below shows Applications, Enrolments and Student No's from 2017/18 to 2020/21 (to date).



#### 3. INCOME ANALYSIS



INCOME

Funding Council Grants
Tuition Fees & Education Contracts
Commercial & International
Job Retention Scheme
Other Income

■ 12 Month Revised Budget

#### Income Expanded Account Detail for the 8 Months to 31st March 2021

	Original Annual Budget £000s	Revised Annual Budget £000s	YTD Budget £000s	YTD Actuals £000s	YTD Variance £000s	Previous YTD £000s	Year End Projection £000s
	52,366	52,366	32,652	31,780	(872)	32,175	54,358
	6,368	6,368	6,140	6,359	219	6,425	6,377
	4,215	4,215	3,184	1,981	(1,203)	3,913	2,452
				725	725		725
	1,910	1,910	1,253	1,112	(141)	1,206	1,625
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	64,860	64,860	43,229	41,957	(1,272)	43,720	65,536
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Income Analy	sis - Year to date (	In <u>corporati</u> i	ng 12 N	Nonth Budget)		
	55,000					
	50,000 -					
	45,000 -					
	40,000 -					
	35,000 -					
	30,000 -					
	25,000 -					
Oll	20,000 -					
£'k	15,000 -					
	10,000 -					
	5,000 -					
	0					
		Funding Co	ouncil	Tuition Fees &	Commercial &	Other Income
		Grants	S	Education	International	(Including Bank
				Contracts	Contracts	Interest & JRS
				(Including SAAS)		Income)
■ Acti	ual for YTD	31,780	)	6,359	1,981	1,837
□ Bud	lget YTD	32,652	2	6,140	3,184	1,253

3.1 Grant-in-Aid income across all credit-bearing activities has been brought to account as targets have now been exceeded for 2020/21 (subject to final verification).

6,368

4,215

1,910

52,366

- 3.2 Following the latest review of student numbers, the annual forecast for total tuition fees income shows a favourable variance on full year budget of £9k (a reduction of £362k from February). The adverse movement in the month is due to lower forecast income from managing agents (£320k which has been hampered by campus access restrictions) and HE-FT fee payers (£46k).
- 3.3 Commercial development income budgets have once again been re-forecast downwards due to the ongoing effects of Covid-19. Furlough income and expenditure savings on travel, catering, cleaning, consumables and trainee allowances will partially mitigate this reduction.

The full year budget for FWDF income is £1.6m (with £0.7m of activity to date). FWDF income totalling £2.7m has been allocated to the College for 2020/21. The commercial development team have been continuing to focus on new fund applications and expect to have allocated all funds by July 2021. The delivery of a large portion of the College's total income allocation will be deferred into the next academic year 2021/22 due to the pandemic. The full year FWDF forecast has therefore been reduced to £1m (a reduction of £0.3m from last month). Related lower associate trainer costs of £0.16m has also been included in the College's forecast.

Bespoke income to date is £0.264m (full year budget £0.4m). The team are generating bespoke contracts from a number of sources, including SVQ contracts across key HWBSS clients and through a Network Rail (NR) contract. However, a number of contracts are reliant on campus access which remains restricted. As a result, the full year forecast for bespoke income has been reduced by a further £15k compared to last month (to £0.265m).

Scheduled income to date is £0.3m (full year budget £0.4m) and continues to be impeded by restricted access to campuses together with faculty capacity to deliver online. The full year forecast is lower than budget by £0.1m (an improvement of £15k from last month) whilst associated expenditure savings of £53k are also included in the forecast.

SDS income for the year is £0.13m (full year budget £0.6m). Constraints around evidence gathering, employer furloughs and restricted schools' activity continue to have an adverse effect on apprenticeship delivery. As a consequence, the full year forecast for SDS has been reduced by a further £12k this month (to £227k). The costs associated with SDS delivery are mainly fixed although there are some savings in trainee allowances.

Students who were previously accommodated in the Milton Road (MR) residencies have been transferred to the Granton halls of residence due to MR residencies closure. Due to the closure of our cross-campus facilities the full year income forecasts for Milton Road residencies, gyms, Bliss spa and training restaurants have been reduced by a further £29k, £13k, £1k and £1k respectively. These income reductions are partly mitigated by savings identified within catering, cleaning and consumables. Plans are in place to re-open our 'Club' facilities at the end of April, but a number of challenges lie ahead, with likely ongoing restrictions on numbers, reduced occupancy levels and rebuilding customer confidence.

Only £5k of income to date has been generated from commercial facility hires (full year budget £75k) due to continued campus restrictions. As a consequence, the full year income forecast directly related to this activity has been reduced by a further £10k (to £45k). A summer school contract for our Granton campus is still being planned but will be dependent upon the successful outcome of vaccine roll outs and the lifting of travel restrictions. The College has received requests to run summer school activities later than usual (into September), but similarly this will depend upon campuses re-opening in 2021/22.

International income to date currently stands at £0.46m (against a full year budget of £0.56m), following confirmation that a contract with a client from China has been postponed into next year. Therefore, the international income full year forecast stands at £0.47m. Associated savings are currently being quantified (which are likely to be within overseas agency commission). The international development team continues to mitigate risks in relation to online provision contracts with our clients in China, whilst trying to secure online training contracts with other clients. Online courses generate, on average, lower income but with improved profit margins. However, this market is highly competitive and requires careful pricing. A number of projects remain ongoing, including contracts with Hainan University for a Business English programme and the British Council (in Rwanda, Turkey and Sub-Saharan Africa).

#### 4. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS



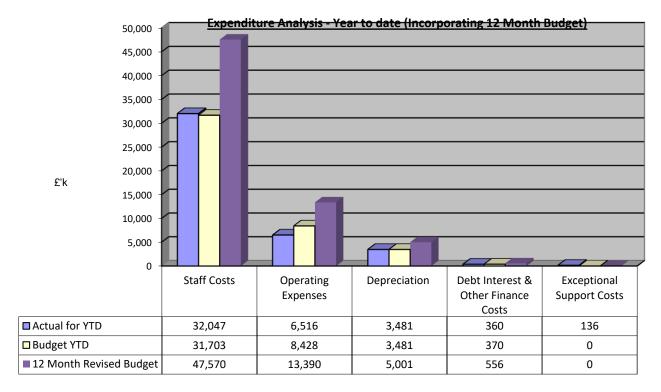
For the future you want

Other Operating Expenses Depreciation for the year Debt Interest & Other Finance Costs **Exceptional Support Costs** 

Total Expenditure (Ex Staff Costs)

#### Expenditure Expanded Account Detail for the 8 Months to 31st March 2021 (Ex Staff Costs)

Original Annual Budget £000s	Revised Annual Budget £000s	YTD Budget £000s	YTD Actuals £000s	<u>YTD</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>£000s</u>	Previous YTD £000s	Year End Projection £000s
13,390	13,390	8,428	6,516	1,912	9,419	10,924
5,001	5,001	3,481	3,481		3,681	5,001
556	556	370	360	11	395	546
			136	(136)		736
18,948	18,948	12,279	10,493	1,787	13,495	17,207



4.1 Other operating expenditure is currently showing an underspend to date of £1,912k, primarily due to a reduction in childcare costs (lower than budget by £626k and aligned with corresponding lower childcare grant income), together with savings across premises £690k, catering £201k, VAT £66k and marketing £57k, largely resulting from campus closures.

# 5. STAFF COSTS ANALYSIS



# Staffing Expenditure Account Detail for the 8 Months to 31st March 2021

College For the future you want	Original Annual Budget £000s	Revised Annual Budget £000s	YTD Budget £000s	YTD Actuals £000s	YTD <u>Variance</u> £000s	Previous YTD £000s	Year End Projection £000s
Staff Costs							
Senior Management	1,591	1,591	1,043	1,000	43	1,038	1,591
Academic Departments	25,091	25,091	16,640	15,945	695	16,260	25,937
Academic Services	4,956	4,956	3,303	3,226	76	3,278	4,968
Admin & Central Services	12,976	12,976	8,638	8,236	403	8,154	13,114
Premises	1,386	1,386	924	919	4	926	1,406
Catering & Residences	101	101	67	70	(2)	22	104
Temporary, Agency & Staff Bank Costs	2,294	2,294	1,526	1,536	(10)	1,359	2,324
Other Staffing Expenditure	1,303	1,303	867	1,116	(249)	837	1,353
Savings to Find	(2,129)	(2,129)	(1,306)		(1,306)		(1,864)
	47,570	47,570	31,703	32,047	(345)	31,874	48,934
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5.1 The table below shows how savings have been achieved against the annual budget staff cost.

	£'000
Net staffing budget (as above)	47.57
Targeted savings to find (as above)	2.13
Gross salary budget	49.70
Year-end projection (as above - excluding unbudgeted VS costs of £0.7m)	48.93
Estimated expenditure with associated additional funding (see 1.5 above)	(0.65)
	48.28
Savings in the year (against the savings target of £2.1m) identified to date achieved by:	1.42
VS savings	0.27
Vacancies removed from the establishment	0.25
Vacancy churn	0.90
	1.42

The VS scheme was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and is currently forecast to produce recurring full year savings of £1.2m. To date £136k has been incurred on VS payments.

Since inception, over 260 employees have been through the job retention scheme; £725k of JRS income has been recorded in the first 8 months of the current financial year.

# **6. TRADING DEPARTMENT**

Trading Income
JRS Income
Total Income
Staffing Expenditure
Non Staffing Expenditure
Net (Deficit) Contribution
Towards Associated Costs

N			
YT			
Full Year Budget (£000)	YTD Budget (£000)	YTD Actuals (£000)	Full Year Forecast (£000)
990	615	581	936
-	-	35	35
990	615	616	971
(965)	(638)	(589)	(938)
(37)	(26)	(37)	(45)
(12)	(49)	(10)	(12)

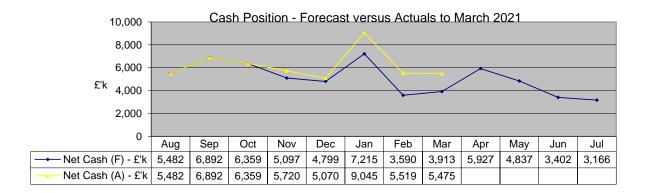
- The above table provides an overview of the current nursery trading position, which includes £35k of JRS income for furloughed nursery staff and a grant of £7.6k from the CoEC (shown within trading income) which is being used to fund nursery refurbishment works.
- The full year income and expenditure forecast for the nursery has increased by net £4k (compared to last month) as a result of further JRS income (£2k) and an increase in the CoEC grant (by £2k), wholly offset by higher forecast staffing (including agency) costs and higher non-staffing spends (associated with the CoEC grant). The College continues to work closely with local councils to increase our current intake, where opportunities arise, whilst targeted marketing campaigns continue.

# 7. CASH-FLOW

7.1 The cash balance at the end of March is £5.5m, which includes £0.9m of student support funds.

The cash-flow forecast includes all changes to the forecast outlined in section 1.5 above. This includes estimated VS costs of £0.74m offset by resulting savings expected later in the year of £0.27m. The SFC has agreed to support any liquidity shortfall in the current year, although the current forecast indicates that this will not likely be required. It is assumed that all the 2020/21 SFC student support grant funding will be fully spent.

The chart below shows the forecast (blue) cash position through the year compared to the actual (yellow) cash position.



# 8. SFC REPORTING

8.1 The forecast Underlying Operating position and cashflow are in line with the mid-year Financial Forecast return and cash flow forecast submitted to the SFC in April.

# 9. BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet as at 31 Mar 2021		At 31 Mar 2021	At 31 July 2020	YTD Mvmt
		£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed Assets	Land and Buildings	153,338	155,925	(2,587)
	Fixtures, fittings and Equipment	10,153	7,840	2,313
		163,491	163,765	(274)
Current Assets	Stock	76	89	(13)
	Debtors	3,059	4,678	(1,619)
	Cash - Main	4,574	1.075	3,499
	Cash - Student Support	901	445	456
Total		8,611	6,287	2,324
Creditors		(67,045)	(64,463)	(2,582)
Bank Loans		(9,171)	(9,338)	167
Provisions		(63,565)	(63,348)	(217)
		32,321	32,903	(582)
Funded by:				
Reserves		32,321	32,903	(582)
		32,321	32,903	(582)

9.1 The movements in Cash and Fixed Assets are shown in the sections above. The increase in creditors since the start of the academic year mainly represents SFC Grant-in-Aid cash received but not yet released to the Income Statement, together with capital formula grants which have not yet been released to support corresponding capital expenditure.

# 10. KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

2019/20 Annual Target 186,612 1,335 2019/20 Annual Budget	2020/21 Annual	Revised Annual	2020/21 Annual Target 186,612 1,257	2020/21 YTD Actuals 190,127		2019/20 Year-En 186,674 1,356
186,612 1,335 2019/20 Annual	Annual		Annual Target  186,612  1,257	Actuals 190,127 -		<b>Year-En</b> 186,674
186,612 1,335 2019/20 Annual	Annual		186,612 1,257	Actuals 190,127 -		<b>Year-En</b> 186,674
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1,335 2019/20 Annual	Annual		1,257 <b>2020/21</b>	-		
2019/20 Annual	Annual		2020/21			1,356
Annual	Annual			2020/21		
Annual	Annual			2020/21		
		Annual		2020/21		
Budget	Descioned	Aiiiiuai	YTD	YTD	YTD	Previou
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actuals	Variance	YTD
£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
	-	-	423	593	170	(541)
6.256	4 215	4 215	3 184	1 981	(1 203)	3,913
	4,210	4,210	0,104	1,001	(1,200)	0,010
67.245	64.960	64.960	42.220	44.057	(4.070)	42.700
						43,720
69,080	66,517	66,517	43,981	42,539	1,442	45,370
(1,735)	(1,658)	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650
	(326)	, ,	3,955	3,955	-	363
(563)	1,194	1,194	5,475	5,475	-	1,299
154,565	160,221	160,221	163,491	163,491	-	157,42
(4,957)	(3,189)	(3,189)	(6,062)	(6,062)	-	(7,075
(91,807)	(125,787)	(125,787)	(125,108)	(125,108)	-	(93,635
57,801	31,245	31,245	32,321	32,321	-	56,71
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# I&E Account for the 8 Months to 31st March 2021

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Edinburgh College							
For the future you want	Original Annual Budget £000s	Revised Annual Budget £000s	YTD Budget £000s	YTD Actuals £000s	YTD Variance £000s	Previous YTD £000s	Year End Projection £000s
Funding Council Grants Deferred Capital Grant Releases Tuition Fees and Education Contracts (inc SAAS) Commercial and International Contracts Job Retention Scheme Income Other Income	49,880 2,486 6,368 4,215	49,880 2,486 6,368 4,215 1,910	30,918 1,734 6,140 3,184 1,253	30,046 1,734 6,359 1,981 725 1,112	(872) 219 (1,203) 725 (141)	30,119 2,056 6,425 3,913 1,206	51,872 2,486 6,377 2,452 725 1,624
Total Income	64,860	64,860	43,229	41,957	(1,272)	43,720	65,536
Staff Costs Other Operating Expenses Depreciation for the year Debt Interest & Other Finance Costs Exceptional Support Costs	47,570 13,390 5,001 556	47,570 13,390 5,001 556	31,703 8,428 3,481 370	32,047 6,516 3,481 360 136	(345) 1,912 0 11 (136)	31,874 9,419 3,681 395	48,934 10,924 5,001 546 736
Total Expenditure	66,517	66,517	43,981	42,539	1,442	45,370	66,142
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus pre SSAP24 Enhanced Pension Provision Charge	(1,658)	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)
Adjusted Operating Position:							
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus pre SSAP24 Enhanced Pension Provision Charge	(1,658)	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)
Add:							
Depreciation net of deferred capital grant release	2,515	2,515	1,747	1,747	(0)	1,625	2,515
<u>Deduct:</u> Revenue funding allocated to loan repayments	857	857	571	571		516	1,017
Adjusted Operating Position	0	(0)	423	593	170	(541)	892



College							
For the future you want	Original Annual	Revised Annual			YTD	Previous	Year End
	Budget £000s	Budget £000s	YTD Budget £000s	YTD Actuals £000s	<u>Variance</u> £000s	<u>YTD</u> £000s	Projection £000s
INCOME	_						<del></del>
Funding Council Grants Recurrent Grant Inc Fee Waiver	46,673	46,673	28,855	28,855		27,789	46,673
Childcare Funds Deferred Capital Grants	1,718 2,486	1,718 2,486	1,145 1,734	519 1,734	(626)	1,158 2,056	800 2,486
Other SFC Grants	1,489 52,366	1,489 52,366	918 32,652	672 31,780	(246) (872)	1,172 32,175	4,399 54,358
Tuition Fees & Education Contracts FE - UK & EU	73	73	59	44	(15)	77	44
HE - UK & EU	269	269	269	371	102	283	371
PT Self Payers Examination Fee Income	558 20	558 20	551 14	588	37 (10)	546 16	588 7
SAAS - Commercial	3,601	3,601	3,601	3,944 23	342 23	3,742 49	3,944 23
Associate Degree Fees Managing Agents	745 1,100	745 1,100	732 914	698 687	(34) (227)	764 948	698 700
Commercial & International	6,368	6,368	6,140	6,359	219	6,425	6,377
International SDS	560 608	560 608	517 385	456 131	(61) (254)	746 475	470 227
EH15 and The Apprentice Restaurants Bliss SPA and Employability Salons	48 100	48 100	32 67	6	(32) (61)	26 65	1 7
Gym Residences	128 320	128 320	85 213	25 64	(60) (150)	212 328	51 126
Bespoke Contracts for Employers Scheduled Short Courses	420 410	420 410	370 367	264 302	(106) (65)	375 412	265 305
Flexible Workforce Development Fund	1,622 4,215	1,622 4,215	1,149 3,184	734 1,981	(415) (1,203)	1,272 3,913	1,000 2,452
Other Income Catering	16	16	11	4	(7)	11	7
Job Retention Scheme Nursery	990	990	615	725 573	725 (42)	629	725 928
Access Centre Provision Other Income Generating Activities	150 752	150 752	150 476	179 354	29 (122)	145 420	179 509
Endowment & Investment	1,908	1,908	1,252	1,835	584	1,204	2,348
Bank Interest	2 2	2 2	1 1	1		2 2	1 1
TOTAL INCOME	64,860	64,860	43,229	41,957	(1,272)	43,720	65,536
EXPENDITURE							
Staff Costs							
Senior Management Academic Departments	1,591 25,091	1,591 25,091	1,043 16,640	1,000 15,945	43 695	1,038 16,260	1,591 25,937
Academic Services Admin & Central Services	4,956 12,976	4,956 12,976	3,303 8,638	3,226 8,236	76 403	3,278 8,154	4,968 13,114
Premises Catering & Residences	1,386 101	1,386 101	924 67	919 70	(2)	926 22	1,406 104
Temporary, Agency & Staff Bank Costs Other Staffing Expenditure	2,294 1,303	2,294 1,303	1,526 867	1,536 1,116	(10) (249)	1,359 837	2,324 1,353
Savings to Find	(2,129) 47,570	(2,129) 47,570	(1,306) 31,703	32,047	(1,306) (345)	31,874	(1,864) 48,934
Other Operating Expenses							
Premises Teaching Activity & Support	4,632 1,452	4,588 1,504	2,785 954	2,096 951	690	3,140 1,256	4,078 1,238
Childcare Costs Transport Costs	1,718 115	1,718 115	1,145 78	519 51	626 27	1,158 77	800 84
IT Costs Telecomms Costs	1,111 134	1,118 169	713 103	672 103	40	675 107	1,030 139
Equipment Health & Safety	59 37	59 37	42 16	34 14	8 2	70 20	48 132
Travel & Subsistence Admin Costs	113 146	94 138	63 98	8 68	55 30	206 107	10 119
Corporate, Consultancy, Professional Staff Welfare	594 16	638 16	454 11	427 3	27 8	460 11	586 12
Catering Training & Development	423 88	423 88	287 59	86 27	201 32	273 60	260 52
VAT	1,250	1,250	726	660	66	887	1,022
Marketing & PR Partnership Costs	150 39	150 39	116 26	59 26	57	93 26	99 39
Overseas Agents Commission Registration & Exam Fees	77 1,198	85 1,123	81 644	81 604	40	77 691	115 1,023
Bad Debt	13,390	40 13,390	27 8,428	27 6,516	1,912	9,419	40 10,924
Depreciation  Depreciation for the year	5,001 5,001	5,001 5,001	3,481 3,481	3,481 3,481	0	3,681 3,681	5,001 5,001
Debt Interest & Other Finance Costs							
Interest On Bank Loans Other Finance Charges	526 30	526 30	350 20	350 9	11	371 24	526 20
•	556	556	370	360	11	395	546
Exceptional Support Costs				136	(136)		736
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	66,517	66,517	43,981	42,539	1,442	45,370	66,142
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus pre SSAP24 Enhanced Pension Provision Charge	(1,658)	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)
Adjusted Operating Position:							
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus pre SSAP24 Enhanced Pension Provision Charge	(1,658)	(1,658)	(753)	(582)	170	(1,650)	(606)
Add: Depreciation net of deferred capital grant release	2,515	2,515	1,747	1,747	(0)	1,625	2,515
Deduct:							
Revenue funding allocated to loan repayments	857	857	571	571		516	1,017
Adjusted Operating Position	0	0	423	593	170	(541)	892
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# Balance Sheet For the 8 Months to 31st March 2021

For the future you want	2020/21 YTD Actuals £000s	2019/20 Year End £000s	2019/20 Previous YTD £000s
Fixed Assets			
L&B	153,338	155,925	148,733
FFE	10,153	7,840	8,688
	163,491	163,765	157,421
Current Assets			
Stock	76	89	91
Debtors	3,059	4,678	2,189
Cash	5,475	1,520	1,299
	8,611	6,287	3,579
Creditors < 1yr			
Bank loans	(389)	(389)	(470)
Payments received in advance	(605)	(187)	(92)
Trade creditors	(499)	(685)	(2,313)
Taxes & social sec	(928)	(968)	(921)
Accruals, Def Inc & Other Creditors	(1,272)	(5,139)	(1,512)
Amounts owed to SFC	(8,494)	(377)	(2,371)
Deferred Capital Grants - Government	(2,486)	(2,588)	(2,974)
	(14,673)	(10,333)	(10,653)
Net current assets / (liabilities)	(6,062)	(4,046)	(7,075)
Total assets less current liabilities	157,428	159,719	150,347
Creditors > 1yr			
Bank loans	(8,782)	(8,949)	(8,949)
Deferred Capital Grants - Government	(52,761)	(54,519)	(53,917)
	(61,543)	(63,468)	(62,866)
Provisions	(,,,,,,)	(, == 1)	44.44
Early retirement	(4,049)	(4,234)	(4,412)
Student Accommodation Provision	(1,451)	(1,050)	(763)
	(5,501)	(5,284)	(5,176)
Net pension asset / (liability)	(58,064)	(58,064)	(25,594)
NET ASSETS	32,321	32,903	56,711
Reserves			
I&E account	41,923	41,686	41,095
Pension reserve	(58,064)	(58,064)	(25,594)
Revaluation reserve	48,462	49,281	41,210
RESERVES	32,321	32,903	56,711

# **Cumulative Cashflows (2020/21)**

Edinburgh College	Original Budget £000s	Revised Budget £000s	Aug 20 £000s	Sept 20 £000s	Oct 20 £000s	Nov 20 £000s	<u>Dec 20</u> <u>£000s</u>	<u>Jan 21</u> <u>£000s</u>	<u>Feb 21</u> <u>£000s</u>	<u>Mar 21</u> £000s	Apr 21 £000s	<u>May 21</u> £000s	<u>Jun 21</u> <u>£000s</u>	<u>Jul 21</u> £000s	YTD  Cumulative £000s	Annual Forecast £000s	Var From Budget - Fav / (Adv) £000s
For the future you want	Total	<u>Total</u>	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	<u>Actuals</u>	Actuals	Actuals	<u>Actuals</u>	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
SFC Grants - Core	46,828	46,828	6,029	4,500	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	3,867	4,333	4,300	4,300	4,300	29,596	46,829	1
SFC Grants - ESF SFC Grants - FWDF	345	345	0	43	109	22 0	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	259 1 244	345	1.044
SFC Grants - FWDF SFC Grants - Other	1,622 6,363	1,622 6,363	707	596	581	861	267 691	267 565	356 665	356 2,226	356 775	356 733	356 736	356 658	1,244 6,892	2,666 9,794	1,044 3,431
SAAS Funds	3,601	3,601	707	590 0	0	0	091	3,871	20	2,220	76	0	730	030	3,891	3,967	366
Tuition Fees / Education Contracts	2,767	2,767	448	420	247	213	168	556	196	327	13	10	10	0	2,575	2,608	(159)
Commercial / International	2,593	2,593	166	192	126	64	111	181	155	52	10	10	10	Ö	1,047	1,077	(1,516)
Other Income	1,910	1,910	150	86	219	219	170	184	304	405	174	150	150	141	1,737	2,352	442
Operational Income	66,029	66,029	7,500	5,837	5,082	5,178	5,228	9,445	1,717	7,254	5,758	5,580	5,583	5,476	47,242	69,639	3,610
Staff Costs	47,570	47,570	3,347	3,900	3,948	4,030	4,069	4,059	4,051	4,658	3,603	4,375	4,153	4,075	32,062	48,268	(698)
Purchase Ledger / Other Expenditure	7,597	7,597	471	832	723	758	662	489	499	866	1,209	1,094	990	382	5,300	8,975	(1,378)
Childcare Expenditure	1,718	1,718	0	5	90	113	106	66	66	72	110	84	84	0	518	796	922
Premises Costs	4,632	4,632	225	276	313	279	265	228	273	237	510	494	495	483	2,096	4,078	554
Pension Strain Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	9	(9)
Staff VS & Restructuring Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	90	209	22	361	0	136	728	(728)
Operational Expenditure	61,517	61,517	4,043	5,013	5,074	5,180	5,102	4,842	4,935	5,923	5,645	6,073	6,083	4,941	40,112	62,854	(1,337)
Net Income Generated From																	
Operations	4,512	4,512	3,457	824	8	(2)	126	4,603	(3,218)	1,332	113	(493)	(500)	535	7,130	6,785	2,274
operations -	4,012	4,012	0,401	<b>02</b> 4	J	(-)	120	4,000	(0,210)	1,002	110	(400)	(000)	000	7,100	0,700	2,214
Capital Expenditure	3,656	3,656	12	444	283	471	658	434	516	407	341	90	0	0	3,225	3,656	0
Pensioners (against enhanced provision)	288	288	24	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	185	277	11
Capital Loan Repayments	389	389	0	0	0	0	40	87	0	40	90	0	41	91	167	389	0
Granton Provision	180	180	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	93	0	67	55	341	(161)
Non-Operational Expenditure	4,513	4,513	91	467	306	494	721	544	539	470	580	206	64	181	3,632	4,663	(150)
Net Income Generated From Op and																	
Non-Op Activities	(1)	(1)	3,366	357	(298)	(496)	(595)	4,059	(3,757)	862	(467)	(699)	(564)	354	3,498	2,122	2,124
Hon op Addivides	(.,	(.,	0,000	001	(200)	(400)	(000)	4,000	(0,101)	002	(401)	(000)	(004)	004	0,400	_,	2,124
Student Funds Inflow	11,056	11,056	601	1,495	1,219	1,225	1,250	1,127	1,366	489	2,659	1,116	610	448	8,772	13,605	2,549
Student Funds Outflow	11,381	11,381	5	442	1,454	1,368	1,305	1,211	1,135	1,395	1,740	1,507	1,481	1,038	8,315	14,081	(2,700)
	(325)	(325)	596	1,053	(235)	(143)	(55)	(84)	231	(906)	919	(391)	(871)	(590)	457	(476)	(151)
Total Cash In	77,085	77,085	8,101	7,332	6,301	6,403	6,478	10,572	3,083	7,743	8,417	6,696	6,193	5,924	56,014	83,244	6,159
Total Cash Out	77,411	77,411	4,139	5,922	6,834	7,042	7,128	6,597	6,609	7,788	7,965	7,786	7,628	6,160	52,059	81,598	4,187
Net Inflow / (Outflow)	(326)	(326)	3,962	1,410	(533)	(639)	(650)	3,975	(3,526)	(44)	452	(1,090)	(1,435)	(236)	3,955	1,646	1,972
	4.500	4.500	4.500											2 422	4.500	4.500	
Opening bank balance	1,520	1,520	1,520	5,482	6,892	6,359	5,720	5,070	9,045	5,519	5,475	5,927	4,837	3,402	1,520	1,520	0
Closing bank balance	1,194	1,194	5,482	6,892	6,359	5,720	5,070	9,045	5,519	5,475	5,927	4,837	3,402	3,166	5,475	3,166	1,972
Lodger balances																<del>                                     </del>	+
Ledger balances Main accounts	0	0	4,442	4,799	4,501	4,005	3,410	7,469	3,712	4,574	4,107	3,408	2,844	3,166	4,574	3,166	3,166
Term Deposit accounts	0	0	4,442	4,799	4,501	4,005	3,410	7,469	3,712	4,574	4,107	3,406 0	2,044	3,100 0	4,574	3,100	3,100
Student Funds accounts	0	0	1,040	2,093	1,858	1,715	1,660	1,576	1,807	901	1,820	1,429	558	0	901	0	0
Subsidiary accounts	Ĭ	ŏ	1,040	2,000	1,000	1,710	.,000	1,010	1,507	301	1,020	1,420	000	5	551	i i	
,	0	0	5,482	6,892	6,359	5,720	5,070	9,045	5,519	5,475	5,927	4,837	3,402	3,166	5,475	3,166	3,166
Loan balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Review of Policy & Resources Committee Operation 2020/21 - Part 1

Membership	Y/N	Comments
Has the Committee's membership been compliant with its terms of reference during the past year?	Y	The Interim Chair of the Board has continued in the role of Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee throughout 2020/21, in order to retain continuity until a new Regional Chair is appointed.  The Committee membership includes the Interim Chair and the Interim Vice Chair, plus the Chairs of the following committees:  - Audit & Risk Assurance Committee  - Academic Council  - Corporate Development Committee  - Remuneration Committee
		Rose Dodgson, a Student Board Member, joined the Committee from 22 September 2020 onwards. This was in line with the decision of the Board to have student membership on all committee of the Board - except for the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee.  Antonia McAlindin, a non-executive member with legal expertise served joined the Committee in December 2020.
Are there any skills gaps that the Committee would bring to the attention of the Policy & Resources Committee?	N	No gaps at present, but the Committee will need to reassessed by Q1 2022 given retirals taking place by then.
Has the committee met in accordance with its terms of reference and often enough to fulfil its remit?	Y	The Committee convened four times in 2020/21, in each of the following months: September, November, February and May.  Due to the Coronavirus pandemic leading to lockdown restrictions, and the implementation of social distancing guidance, all meetings in 2020/21 of the Committee were held via Microsoft Teams.

		The Committee is required by its terms of reference to meet (at minimum) on a quarterly basis.
Have all meetings been quorate?	Y	All meetings have had at least four members in attendance.
Have pre-meetings assisted in the planning of Committee business?	Y	The Interim Chair, Chief Operating Officer and the Clerk to the Board met in advance of all scheduled P&R meetings to agree an appropriate agenda.
Have papers been issued sufficiently in advance of meetings?	Y	Papers are normally circulated five working days in advance of the Committee meeting. On occasions where urgent information has been requested, late papers have been tabled with the approval of the Committee Chair.
Have minutes and actions been distributed in good time after meetings?	Y	The minutes and actions of the meeting are monitored as a matter of course within the Committee cycle.
Are there any other points Members would like to raise?	Y	The Committee should receive an Estates and Digital Infrastructure Report as a standing item, so members receive a regular update on developments in these areas (- similar to the HR Report).

# Review of Policy & Resources Committee Operation 2020/21 - Part 2

# **Performance Monitoring Role**

1. Is the Committee monitoring the KPIs it needs to in line with its remit or is there a need for review or change?

The Committee continues to monitor performance through the monthly Management Accounts which are considered at each meeting, and outwith the meeting are circulated to members (by the Clerk) on publication. The Management Accounts includes a Financial Performance Monitoring Template which outlines performance in the following areas: Credits, staff numbers (FTE), commercial & international contracts, cashflow/balance and Government Returns.

The Committee at every meeting receives a recruitment and retention update which includes a breakdown of performance against full-time, part-time and credit targets.

An update from the Principal & Chief Executive has been received by the Committee at each of its meetings in 2012/21. The update outlines the progress of the College against the three transformational themes agreed by the Board, as part of the 'Future Proofed College' Programme. Further to this, the Report also provides guidance of the proposed development of a new strategic plan for the College from 2021 onwards.

In addition to the areas of performance monitoring listed above the Committee has also regularly monitored updates on the HR dashboard, estates (inc. carbon emissions) and IT.

2. Does the Committee receive the information it needs to monitor performance effectively?

The Committee is content that it receives the information it requires to monitor performance effectively. As outlined above (Q1), the Committee receives performance information related to finance, human resources and the strategic blueprint, all of which are central to the Committee's remit.

3. Have there been any areas where the Committee has not been able to exercise its performance monitoring role effectively or where practice could be improved?

The Committee should receive an Estates and Digital Infrastructure Report as a standing item, so members receive a regular update on performance in these areas

# Strategic Role

4. How would the Committee define the key strategic issues within its remit?

At all it meeting in 2020/21, the Committee received a Principal & Chief Executive Report which provided an update on the 'Future Proofed College' from the Principal which highlighted the College's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its potential impact on the college sector, and the wider region, going forward. Further to this, the Committee considered the immediate and future financial impact of the Pandemic on both the College and the sector.

In 2019/20, the Committee also considered (and recommended to the Board) the following new strategies: (i) the Digital Strategy; (ii) the Environmental Sustainability

Strategy and; (iii) a Procurement Strategy). The Committee received an annual update on each of these strategies at its September and November 2020 meetings.

The Committee's strategic role also includes the preparation of the annual College Budget for approval by the Board. This is in addition to the monitoring of financial performance through the monthly management accounts.

The Committee receives a standing report on human resources and organisational development matters, and has maintained an overview of ongoing industrial relations at the College. The HR Report includes an update on the development of a Workforce Plan and a People Strategy for the College.

The Committee receives a regular reportage on matters relating to capital and infrastructure, and continues to monitor to College's strategy towards estates/infrastructure and how these areas relate to ongoing curriculum planning.

A Horizon Scanning Report was presented to each meeting of the Committee in 20120/21. The report highlights strategic matters which may impact on the College's strategic aims going forward.

5. In what ways has the Committee influenced strategy in its area of remit in the last year?

Following a Board Strategy Day in October 2020, the Policy & Resources Committee consider a framework at - its February 2021 meeting - for reviewing the Edinburgh College Strategic Plan. The development of the Strategic Plan will have an significant influence on the direction of the College from 2021 to 2025.

6. Are there particular areas in which the Committee might improve practice in relation to its strategic role?

The Committee will continue to keep this under review

# **Decision-Making**

7. Has decision-making been "transparent, informed, rigorous and timely1" in the past year?

The Committee has exercised its authority in relation to the approval of tuition fees for the upcoming academic year.

The Committee has received appropriate papers relating to matters within its remit and deals with them in a timely manner.

8. Are there ways that the Committee could strengthen its practice in relation to decision-making?

No. However, the Committee will continue to keep this matter under review.

9. Are there examples that show how the student experience has informed and been central to the Committee's decisions?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is a definition of effective decision-making given in the Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Colleges.

Following a decision by the Board on 22 September 2020, a Student Member joined the Policy & Resources Committee as a full member in November 2020.

The Committee sought assurances from the Executive that students were appropriately consulted with on tuition fees, prior to the approval of the 2020/21 fees.

# Relationships

10. Has the Committee's relationship with the Board been effective in the past year, and are there any examples of where it could have been more effective?

The Committee, through its Chair, reports its minutes to each Board meeting along with papers on key items of Committee business which the Committee wish to bring to the Board's attention.

The membership of the Committee includes the Interim Chair of the Board and the chairs of the five Board committees.

11. Has the Committee's relationship with the Executive been effective in the past year, and are there any examples of where it could have been more effective?

Regular pre-meeting takes place with the Committee Chair, the Chief Operating Officer and the Clerk, where the agenda for the upcoming meeting is considered and agreed.

The Principal and Chief Operating Officer are invited to all meetings of the Committee, whilst additional members of the Executive and Senior Management Team may be invited to speak to specific items of business, for instance the Head of Finance and Head of HR & OD presenting the Finance Report and the Human Resources Report – respectively.

All papers presented to the P&R Committee are approved by the Executive Team prior to their circulation to Committee members.

12. Has the boundary between governance and management been effective in practice in the past year or are there examples of where it could have been more effective?

The Head of Communication, Policy & Research (/ Board Secretary) and the Clerk to the Board attend all meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee and provides reports and clarifications on matters of governance.

# POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 18 MAY 2021 PAPER L



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# POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - AGENDA PLANNER 2020/21

# 1. PURPOSE

To provide the Policy & Resources Committee with an opportunity to review upcoming items of business.

# 2. BACKGROUND

It is important that the Board and its committees follow an appropriate plan of work in order to ensure they effectively cover all areas of their remit throughout the year and make the most efficient use of their time.

# 3. DETAIL

Below are proposed agenda items (and lead speaker) for the next three meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee, excluding Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Matters Arising and Any Other Competent Business:

# 3.1 August 2021 (- Date to be confirmed)

•	TERM OF REFERENCE	(Chair)
•	'A FUTURE PROOFED COLLEGE' UPDATE	(A Cumberford)
•	STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE REPORT	(A Cumberford)
•	CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT	(N Croft)
•	RECRUITMENT & RETENTION DASHBOARD	(J Pearson)
•	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS JUNE 2021	(L Towns)
•	HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT	(S Clyne)

• ESTATES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT (A Will	liamson)
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• HORIZON SCANNING REPORT (N Croft)

# 3.2 November 2022 (- Date to be confirmed)

•	'A FUTURE PROOFED COLLEGE' UPDATE	(A Cumberford)
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• RECRUITMENT & RETENTION DASHBOARD (J Pearson)

FINANCE REPORT

Financial Forecast Return 2020/21 (L Towns)
 Management Accounts September 2021 (L Towns)
 Tuition Fees 2021/22 (L Towns)

• HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT (S Clyne)

ESTATES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT (A Williamson)

HORIZON SCANNING REPORT (N Croft)

# 3.3 February 2022 (- Date to be confirmed)

• 'A FUTURE PROOFED COLLEGE' UPDATE (A Cumberford)

• RECRUITMENT & RETENTION DASHBOARD (J Pearson)

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 2020 (L Towns)

• HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT (S Clyne)

• ESTATES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT (A Williamson)

HORIZON SCANNING REPORT (N Croft)

#### 4. BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Effective agenda planning will allow the Committee to monitor all aspects of business within its remit in a timely manner.

# **CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Policy & Resources Committee are asked to NOTE upcoming items of business, and CONSIDER any additional items for discussion at upcoming meetings.