



Scottish Funding Council

Promoting further and higher education

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23 June 2017

Use of delegated authority

Purpose

- To report the Chief Executive's use of delegated authority during the period 1 March 2017 until 31 May 2017.

Recommendation

- Note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority from 1 March 2017 until 31 May 2017, under the Council's scheme of delegation.

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Purpose

1. This paper asks Council to note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority during the period 1 March 2017 until 31 May 2017.

Background

2. At its meeting on 18 December 2015, Council agreed a revised scheme of delegation (SFC/15/67) which approved the removal of the delegation level "Senior Director" and reassignment of spend at this level to the Chief Executive.

Money	'Risk'	Decided by
Up to £500,000	Low/Medium/High	Chief Executive
£500,001 to £5M	Low/Medium	Chief Executive
£500,001 to £5M	High	Council board
Above £5M	All	Council board

3. A further revision to the scheme of delegation following changes in the staff structure was then presented at its meeting on 29 January 2016 (SFC/16/07).

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4. Under the scheme of delegation in operation the Chief Executive has approved the following actions under delegated authority from the Council.

Consents

5. No borrowing consents were granted during this period.

Capital funds

6. No capital funds were approved under delegated authority during this period.

FE programme funds

Grant Line/project	Delegation Element	Amount	Identified Risk
Effective Institutions: Lanarkshire Region financial stability	General delegated authority, on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 6 March 17	£2m advance on remaining grant in aid payment for AY 2016-17	Medium
Effective Institutions: Edinburgh College Business transformation fund phase 3	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 6 March 2017	£1.84m in AY 2016-17	Medium
Effective Institutions: Edinburgh College additional capital	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group as part of its consideration of annually managed budgets at its meeting on 5 December 2016	£800k in FY 2017-18	Low
Employability and Skills: Energy Skills Partnership	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 6 February 2017	£600k over AYs 2017-18 to 2021-22	Low
Effective institutions: Property Support Service (PSS)and Further Education Estates review	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group (agreed by correspondence 17 March 17)	£628k over FY 2017-18: £250k PSS college budget approved at SFG meeting on 4 April and then further funding for PSS college estates review assignment totalling £378k for AY 2016-17	Low

HEI programme funds

Grant Line/project	Delegation Element	Amount	Identified Risk
Nursing & Midwifery Pre-Registration Education	General delegated authority to accept offers of ring-fenced funding from Scottish Government	£965,458 in AY 2016-17 (uplift of funded places for University of West of Scotland)	Low
Effective Institutions: Edinburgh Medical School Running Costs	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group meeting on 5 December 2016	£3,764,000 in AY 2017-18	Low
Diversity & Specialism: Sabhal Mòr Ostaig funding to UHI	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group on 6 February 2017	£731,525 over AYs 2017-18 to 2021-22	Low
Research: Continued development of the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA)	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group on 6 February 2017	£562,500 over AYs 2017-18 to 2021-22	Low
Access: Young Applicants in School Scheme (YASS)	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group (agreed by correspondence 22 May 2017)	£1,050,000 over AYs 2017-18 to 2019-20	Low
Employability & Skills: Scottish Graduate School for Arts & Humanities	General delegated authority on advice from the Strategic Funding Group on 4 May 2017	£1,097,510 over AYs 2019-20 to 2023-24	Low

Publication

7. This paper will be published on the SFC website following the Council meeting.

Recommendation

8. The Council is asked to note the use of the Chief Executive's delegated authority from 1 March 2017 until 31 May 2017, under the Council's scheme of delegation.

Further information

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