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## BOARD MEETING

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Responsible Officer	B Hughes; Vice Principal Curriculum and External Relations
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### 1. Report Purpose

This paper provides members with the final draft of the Regional Outcome Agreement (ROA) for 2017/18.

### 2. Recommendations

The Board is asked to **discuss** this paper. Approval of the ROA is a matter for the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board (GCRB).

### 3. Background

The Regional Outcome Agreement is a key document which outlines the ways in which the region, through its assigned colleges, will meet its responsibilities to have regard to the economic and social needs of the region; its skills needs, social inclusion and equalities needs, and to seek to improve the economic and social well-being of the region's residents. The targets contained within the ROA also form the basis of the funding agreement between the region and the Scottish Funding Council.

At the meeting of the Board in December 2016, members were presented with a detailed paper outlining the key targets of the ROA for 2017/18 up to 2019/20. The ROA as attached to this paper outlines the regional and college targets for 2017/18, given that the funding received from SFC is for one year only.

The narrative of the ROA outlines a range of factors which influence both the curriculum offered by the region's colleges and the targets that the colleges will seek to achieve. These are set out across four key outcomes;

Outcome 1: Delivering the right learning in the right place

Outcome 2: Widening Access

Outcome 3: Delivering high quality and efficient learning

Outcome 4: Developing the Workforce

The ROA has been developed in consultation with the SFC, the three assigned colleges, staff and student representatives and regional partners including local authority education services and Skills Development Scotland.

The attached final draft was presented to the GCRB Performance and Resources Committee meeting on 13 March 2017 and, subject to a couple of very minor amendments to the narrative, was recommended to the GCRB Board for endorsement.

Attached to the ROA when presented to the SFC at the end of March will be a copy of each of the three assigned colleges' Access and Inclusion Strategies. This is the subject of a separate paper on this Board meeting's agenda.

One specific point worth noting is that the ROA commits the assigned colleges to identifying three individuals who will take a lead role in regional activities related to regional admissions; professional development and Developing Scotland's Young Workforce. This proposal replaces an earlier notion that a regional Director of Curriculum should be appointed. The detail of this proposal has not yet been fully discussed.

#### **4. Risk Analysis**

The ROA is the vehicle through which Glasgow Clyde College receives funding from the GCRB (once fully fundable status is achieved by them). Failure to achieve the agreed credit target could result in a clawback of funds and is therefore a key financial risk. Failure to achieve other targets, whilst not directly affecting funding, may result in reputational risk for the college as performance against target is regularly monitored by the GCRB's Performance and Resources Committee. Systematic monitoring of the college's position against the targets helps to mitigate these risks.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications relating to this paper.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

Failure to achieve our targets as expressed in the ROA has potential financial implications in the form of clawback of funding by SFC / GCRB as outlined in (4) above.

#### **7. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

This paper addresses the development of the Regional Outcome Agreement.

#### **8. Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out (Y/N/NA)**

Yes. Attached as an annex to the ROA document.