
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

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1 REPORT PURPOSE

To provide an update for the Board of Management on the type of activity that has been happening within the College since the last Board of Management meeting that is not covered within other Board of Management papers.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Management are asked to note the report.

3. BACKGROUND

Update on Recent Awards

At the last Board of Management meeting in October we reported that the College had been nominated for a number of awards in respect of a range of our work. We unfortunately did not win any of the awards we were up for but received commendation on all of them as follows:

The Glasgow Business Awards:

- People Development – Commended

The College Development Network:

- Employer Connections – Highly Commended
- Health Promoting College - Commended

The SQA Star Awards:

- Partnership of the Year – Engineering partnerships – Highly Commended
- Innovation - The 25th Anniversary of the HNC Occupational Therapy - Highly Commended

Beyond those previously noted we have also recently achieved the following recognition:

Prince's Trust Partnership Award

- Glasgow Clyde College has been given a partnership award for its work with Prince's Trust.

National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) Awards:

- In addition to those awards listed above the College was recently commended for our Clyde Outside magazine project. The magazine was created and produced by our second year HND Practical Journalism students in partnership with Media Scotland, owners of the Daily Record and Sunday Mail, and sponsored by leading railway contractor QTS. Media Scotland gave it a high-profile platform with 8,000 copies inserted within a June 2016 edition of the Paisley Daily Express. It was one of only three student projects in the UK shortlisted for the student project category out of a total of more than 230 entries. Glasgow Clyde College was the only Scottish centre, and the only college in the UK, to be shortlisted. Media Scotland also published several of the students' stories on the Daily Record website.

Estates Update

The refurbished library and new Innovation Centre, both at the Langside campus Lighthouse building, were both successfully completed within timescale and now open. Feedback on the new library layout and upgraded facilities has been very positive.

The Innovation Centre space has achieved all that was specified and has the potential to be an exceptional learning space. Currently all the planned technology is being fitted and tested and the e-learning staff undertaking training on the new technology. We envisage that some other technology will be gradually added to the centre. A pilot phase has started with staff and students – including workshops, training sessions, classroom sessions and official bookings. There is still to be final agreement on naming of the space – using survey evidence and feedback from early users.

A formal opening and full promotion of the centre will then take place. One idea being considered is an Innovative Teaching Symposium to be held in early summer, inviting Colleges and other institutions.

We have also had very positive feedback from learners and staff following the work completed in recent months to improve the sport & fitness facilities

at the Cardonald Campus. We have had higher participation figures on use of the gym facility and through this investment are in a better position to deliver our new commercial courses.

All improvements were funded by the Glasgow Clyde Education Foundation.

Additional SFC Capital funding allocation update

Following our successful bid to GCRB against this allocation the Estates team are now progressing tenders and appointing contractors to complete this work. The requirement to spend the funding by the end of March 2017 means that timescales are particularly tight and there will be an unavoidable impact on some areas used for teaching, and training purposes within the Business Centre at the Cardonald campus. Staff are currently addressing these implications and putting mitigating actions in place.

International Vocational Education Conference, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Two members of the College have been invited to attend the annual Saudi Technical Conference and Exhibition held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in mid-December. This is an important opportunity for the College to maintain its profile with the Saudi Arabian government with the strategic management of the national college network now sitting under the Ministry of Education. The conference also provides opportunities to meet with senior education delegates from other countries in the region. The conference has been organised by the Saudi Colleges national governing body, an important customer of Glasgow Clyde College and will be overseen by the Minister of Education for Saudi Arabia.

Senior management of the Saudi national colleges governing body have asked for and been sent information on the Scottish Modern Apprenticeship programme and our services to the NHS as a model of good practice for them to consider and we hope to be able to discuss this and other opportunities with the Ministry of Education during the visit.

4. RISK ANALYSIS

There is a risk that we do not manage to complete the additional capital works within the scheduled period. It is unclear what the position will be regarding any claw back of monies by GCRB or SFC.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/

There are no legal implications.

There would be a negative impact on the budget if we had to meet any of the remaining costs if the additionally funded estates work was not completed by the end of March 2017.

6 REGIONAL OUTCOME AGREEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no ROA implications.

7. HAS AN EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT BEEN CARRIED OUT

N/A