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**LEARNING AND TEACHING MEETING**

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Responsible Officer	Eric Brownlie, Assistant Principal Quality and Performance
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**1. Report Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee of the new Work Placement Standard for colleges and discuss the impact on our curriculum development.

**2. Recommendations**

The Learning and Teaching committee are asked to discuss and note the report.

**3. Background**

The SFC have developed a new Work Placement Standard for Colleges. The guidance has been developed to provide direction and highlight best practice in the college sector. It sets the expectation that all college students will benefit from high quality work placements or other workplace experience in line with the Scottish Government's Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) strategy. The college has gathered baseline data to help provide a clear starting point for measuring activity.

**4. Risk Analysis**

SFC will start to measure and report on "work experience" activity. There is a clear expectation on colleges to enhance this work.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications.

**6. Financial Implications**

There are no specific legal implications.

**7. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

The guidance clearly identifies Work Placement and Workplace Experience as a principal means of aligning provision with labour market need to ensure all

vocational courses, including those delivered in the senior phase, comprise a significant element of relevant, high quality work placement and workplace experience. It also highlights the potential of work experience to help address inequalities in vocational education and employment.

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

N/A