
LEARNING AND TEACHING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Responsible Officer	Brian Hughes, Vice Principal Curriculum and External Relations
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1. Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the current predicted credit levels for academic year 2017/18

2. Recommendations

Learning & Teaching Committee members are asked to **NOTE** this paper.

3. Background

At the meeting of the Board on Friday 27 October, a paper was presented that provided a first snapshot of the predicted levels of Credit activity for the academic session 2017/18.

That paper outlined the Target activity level, as agreed with the GCRB in the Regional Outcome Agreement, as 128,683 credits; comprising 121,041 “Core” + 7,319 ESF and an additional 343 related to childcare activity. This is the first year of the increase in childcare related credits and this number will grow significantly over the next few years as preparations are made to implement the Scottish Government’s commitment to increasing the number of hours of childcare for eligible children.

The Board paper also described the risk in that some students are still included in the credit estimate who may have recently stopped attending and will therefore not be eligible to be counted at the cut-off date of 1 November.

The attached sheet summarises the snapshot of predicted activity as at 26/10/2017. Given the short period of time since the last report there is no significant movement in the prediction.

4. Risk Analysis

Student drop-out, which affects our overall activity levels, cannot be predicted with absolute certainty and requires us to systematically monitor our projections regularly. The monitoring of activity is at the level of individual courses and course teams also review these figures regularly. Failure to achieve our required activity level by the year-end would negatively impact on the GCRB's view of our performance and our required contribution to the Regional Outcome Agreement targets with the potential of financial clawback at a later point in time.

5. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications raised by this paper

6. Financial Implications

Failure to achieve our activity target has financial implications in the form of a potential clawback of funding by SFC / GCRB.

7. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications

Our credit target is one aspect of our agreed contribution to the Regional Outcome Agreement and as such our failure to achieve will adversely affect the region's ability to deliver its activity targets

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

N/A