

Glasgow Kelvin College
Board of Management Meeting of 10 June 2026
Chair's Update Report

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of recent developments which are of particular interest to them and to provide an outline of the activities undertaken by the Chair since the last Board meeting.

2. Glasgow Colleges' Leadership Group (GCLG)

GCLG met on 20 April and 8 June. The notes of the meeting on 20 April are appended as an Appendix to this paper.

3. Colleges Scotland's Meetings

Attended:

- Colleges Scotland AGM
- Chairs and Principals post-election meeting

This consisted of:

- An excellent presentation by Message Matters on the political landscape both in Westminster and Holyrood following the Scottish Parliamentary Election
- A discussion on the work being done on the College of the Future with the aim of presenting recommendations to the Scottish Government before the end of the year.

4. Board 1-1 meetings

I have completed 1-1 meetings with Board members who are continuing next session. There were no issues of note arising from these meetings.

5. Other Meetings Attended

- Visit of Anas Sarwar MSP to Easterhouse Campus
- Short Listing and interviews for Board Members
- Learning and Teaching Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Arms Length Foundation
- Various individual catchups with Principal and Secretary to the Board

Glasgow Colleges' Leadership Group (GCLG)

Summary Notes of Meeting of 20 April 2026

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the seventh meeting and extended a welcome to Linda McLeod (SFC).

Apologies were noted from Gavin Donoghue, CEO, Colleges Scotland. It was agreed that he would be invited to a future meeting to present on *Colleges of the Future*.

Action: Chair to invite CEO, Colleges Scotland, to a future meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3 February 2026)

Subject to a minor amendment to Item 1, the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

Skills Planning Reform

Members noted that Colleges Scotland had circulated a draft *Skills Planning Reform Project: Strategic Case and Future Model* to Principals. This will be shared with GCLG members for information.

Ministerial Engagement

Members agreed to defer writing to the Minister until after the 7 May 2026 election, allowing the invitation to be addressed to the incoming postholder.

Action: Chair to write to the new Minister following the election.

Correspondence – Scottish Funding Council

Members discussed correspondence from the SFC CEO regarding attendance at the meeting. It was agreed that SFC CEO and Chair attendance would be more beneficial at a future meeting focused on transformation activity.

The offer of SFC support to assist the Group with project governance and accountability arrangements was welcomed.

Members reaffirmed that the GCLG is a strategic collaboration forum replacing the former GCRB and not a governing body.

4. GCG Sub-Groups

Composite Report to the Scottish Funding Council

A draft Composite Report presenting the purpose, priorities, governance and activities of the GCLG was introduced. Members agreed that the report demonstrated effective collaboration and should be strengthened by the inclusion of:

- Clear examples of sub-group activity
- Quantitative and qualitative evidence of impact

The *Regional Headline Summary: Self Evaluation and Action Plan Synthesis (2024–25)* was noted as a strong example of collaborative working.

Action: P Little to revise the Composite Report in line with feedback.

5. Transformation / Reform Agenda

Members considered five potential regional transformation projects. Discussion focused on student-centred outcomes, resource implications and potential future funding opportunities.

It was agreed to progress the **Curriculum Alignment Project** as the priority initiative. The GCG Learning and Teaching Sub-Group will scope the project, including resource and investment requirements, and report back. Outputs will inform a potential joint funding bid by the three colleges.

Action: J Campbell to attend the GCG Learning and Teaching Sub-Group meeting on 21 April 2026 to outline the project and next steps.

SFC support for the development of transformation proposals was reiterated.

6. Colleges of the Future

It was reiterated that the CEO of Colleges Scotland will be invited to a future meeting to provide an overview.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 June 2026, 1.30pm

Glasgow Kelvin College, East End Campus.

8. Closure

The Chair thanked members for their contributions and closed the meeting.