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Summary: Announcement of in-year redistribution of student support funding to colleges for AY 2019-20; detailing the recovery of unspent funds from 2018-19 and allocations of additional funding for 2019-20.

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In-year redistribution of student support funds for 2019-20

Purpose

1. This letter announces the in-year redistribution of student support funding from SFC to colleges for Academic Year (AY) 2019-20. It details the recovery of unspent funds from AY 2018-19 and the allocation of additional funding for AY 2019-20.

Background

2. Demand for student support is unpredictable and, in order to match SFC funding to demand as closely as possible, we carry out an in-year redistribution. SFC does not allow colleges to use student support funding for other purposes; we recover funds that colleges do not expect to use in the current year, as well as any unspent funds from the previous year. We use the funds returned to us to allocate to colleges that need additional student support in the current year.
3. SFC invited colleges to relinquish unspent student support funds or request an increase to their AY 2019-20 student support allocations in a 'Call for Information' published on 23 October 2019 (SFC/CI/07/2019: [In-year management of student support allocations 2019-20](#)).

Redistribution

4. The total amount of additional student support funding requested by colleges for AY 2019-20 is £10.2 million (as set out in Annex A, column 1). SFC will be able to meet, in full, colleges' requests for additional student support funding for AY 2019-20.
5. The table in Annex A details the amounts requested by each college/college region. The table shows the total additional funding to be paid out in AY 2019-20, along with a breakdown across the two Financial Years (FYs).

Recovery of unspent funds and adjustments to budgets

6. Colleges receiving additional funds will have their FY and AY student support budgets increased by the amount of additional funding that they have been awarded, as detailed in the table at Annex A. These updated budgets will be reflected in incorporated colleges' monthly cash-flow pro-forma. Colleges should continue to draw-down funding based on need whilst giving due regard to the revised FY budget.
7. For multi-college regions, we have set out in the table in Annex A the amounts requested by individual colleges within each region. Regional Strategic Bodies

should note the allocations to individual colleges. Multi-college regions may action in-year transfers of student support funding between colleges within the region.

8. The table in Annex B details the amounts relinquished by each college/college region.
9. Colleges that are returning unused funds will have their overall FY student support budget reduced by the amount of funding that they are returning. For those colleges that have already made adjustments to their budgets in July 2019, the March 2020 adjustment to be made will take into account the funds previously returned. This is shown in Annex B, under the column 'Remaining funding adjustments to be made in March 2020'.
10. Newbattle Abbey College, SRUC, Orkney College, Shetland College and West Highland College do not submit cash-flow pro-formas. For these institutions, relinquished funds will be clawed back in March 2020. Where these institutions are to receive additional funds, payments will be adjusted in March and April 2020 as set out in Annex A.
11. Colleges will not be able to claim funding above their revised budgets. Should this cause any short-term cash-flow issues, please contact Catherine Atkinson, Senior Budgeting & Reporting Officer, tel: 0131 313 6540, email: catkinson@sfc.ac.uk immediately. If you have any general queries on the payment process, you should also contact Catherine Atkinson in the first instance.

Management of payment of funds

12. Colleges are reminded we will contact them in early June 2020 to seek clarification of their near final position on spend on student support in AY 2019-20. Colleges that have drawn down their full student support budget but are forecasting a significant underspend against their budget will be asked to reduce their July 2020 draw-down of funds or return surplus funds to SFC in July 2020, rather than waiting until the 2020-21 redistribution exercise in Autumn 2020.

Further information

13. Please contact Caroline Leburn, Senior Policy & Analysis Officer, tel: 0131 313 6627, email: cleburn@sfc.ac.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. MacDonal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

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In-year redistribution of student support funds for AY 2019-20

Region/College	Additional funding requested for full AY 19-20	Additional funding requested / allocated to end March 2020	Additional funding requested / allocated Apr - Jul 2020	Total additional funding allocated
	(1) (£)	(2) (£)	(3) (£)	(4) (£)
Ayrshire	178,000	178,000	-	178,000
Borders	140,000	98,090	41,910	140,000
Dumfries & Galloway	310,000	310,000	-	310,000
Dundee & Angus	273,000	273,000	-	273,000
Edinburgh	1,089,059	1,089,059	-	1,089,059
Fife	1,366,966	911,311	455,655	1,366,966
Forth Valley	308,071	278,071	30,000	308,071
Glasgow	1,672,000	1,298,000	374,000	1,672,000
<i>City of Glasgow College</i>	552,000	388,000	164,000	552,000
<i>Glasgow Clyde College</i>	250,000	200,000	50,000	250,000
<i>Glasgow Kelvin College</i>	870,000	710,000	160,000	870,000
Highlands and Islands	739,961	624,961	115,000	739,961
<i>Inverness College</i>	400,000	400,000	-	400,000
<i>Lews Castle College</i>	- 50,039	- 50,039	-	- 50,039
<i>Moray College</i>	- 30,000	- 30,000	-	- 30,000
<i>North Highland College</i>	220,000	176,000	44,000	220,000
<i>Orkney College</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Perth College</i>	220,000	149,000	71,000	220,000
<i>Shetland College</i>	- 20,000	- 20,000	-	- 20,000
Lanarkshire	1,884,634	1,499,796	384,838	1,884,634
<i>New College Lanarkshire</i>	1,759,634	1,437,296	322,338	1,759,634
<i>South Lanarkshire College</i>	125,000	62,500	62,500	125,000
Newbattle Abbey College	34,000	17,000	17,000	34,000
North East Scotland	-	-	-	-
SRUC	195,150	98,150	97,000	195,150
West College Scotland	1,409,000	1,214,000	195,000	1,409,000
West Lothian	553,277	553,277	-	553,277
TOTAL	10,153,118	8,442,715	1,710,403	10,153,118

Recovery of unspent funds and adjustments to budgets

Region/College	Funding adjustments made in July 2019	Remaining funding adjustments to be made in March 2020	Total funding relinquished by colleges
	(1) (£)	(2) (£)	(3) (£)
Ayrshire	390,000	1,147	391,147
Borders	77,862	65,548	143,410
Dumfries & Galloway	-	36,894	36,894
Dundee & Angus	700,000	303,311	1,003,311
Edinburgh	-	150,386	150,386
Fife	180,000	126,294	306,294
Forth Valley	-	48,398	48,398
Glasgow	-	193,682	193,682
<i>City of Glasgow College</i>		14,263	14,263
<i>Glasgow Clyde College</i>	-	101,327	101,327
<i>Glasgow Kelvin College</i>		78,092	78,092
Highlands and Islands	-	739,842	739,842
<i>Inverness College</i>	-	62,921	62,921
<i>Lewis Castle College</i>	-	13,332	13,332
<i>Moray College</i>	-	109,377	109,377
<i>North Highland College</i>	-	114,739	114,739
<i>Orkney College</i>	-	23,129	23,129
<i>Perth College</i>	-	394,403	394,403
<i>Shetland College</i>	-	21,941	21,941
Lanarkshire	-	4,686	4,686
<i>New College Lanarkshire</i>	-	41,580	41,580
<i>South Lanarkshire College</i>	-	46,266	46,266
Newbattle Abbey College	-	-	-
North East Scotland	-	401,687	401,687
SRUC	-	64,724	64,724
West College Scotland	-	-	-
West Lothian	-	46,737	46,737
TOTAL	1,347,862	2,183,336	3,531,198