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Purpose

- 1. I am writing to announce the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC) final funding allocations for universities for the forthcoming Academic Year (AY) 2022-23.
- 2. The final funding allocations set out in this announcement are based on the Scottish Government's Financial Year (FY) 2022-23 budget, which was approved by the Scottish Parliament on 10 February 2022.
- 3. The priorities outlined in our 2022-23 <u>letter of guidance</u>, alongside wider Scottish Government priorities, have guided us in determining these final allocations, alongside our engagement with a number of key sector groups.
- 4. SFC published <u>indicative funding allocations</u> on 24 March 2022 to help universities plan for the forthcoming AY. In the main, the final allocations set out in this announcement are broadly unchanged from the published indicative allocations. However, there are some significant additions, including research and innovation funding allocations, and routine updates to controlled places for AY 2022-23. These updates, and the changes that have been made since the <u>indicative publication</u>, are set out in this announcement.

Policy drivers

- 5. In considering these final allocations we are aiming to achieve a number of policy objectives:
 - To make best use of the funding available to SFC from a challenging budget settlement, in alignment with the SFC's Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability.
 - To continue to provide funded places to Scottish students to support
 productive learning opportunities at a time of significant economic and social
 uncertainty, to sustain a pipeline of educated and skilled people who will be
 critical for our recovery.
 - In line with our commitment to work based learning, to protect and promote the Graduate Apprenticeship (GA) programme, working closely with Skills Development Scotland (SDS).
 - To recognise the continuing financial uncertainty and sustainability challenges facing the university sector by securing a general uplift in teaching grants for all universities.
 - To secure wider socio-economic impacts through our widening access funding, our funding for small specialist institutions and our programmes for

- minority cohorts of students with particular needs.
- To protect the university research base, including through a specific increase in research funding.

Key points

- 6. The key points to highlight in this final funding announcement for AY 2022-23 are:
 - The additional COVID-19 related/Barnett consequential funding received by the Scottish Government in FY 2021-22, enabled it to provide additional funding for Graduate Apprenticeships. This funding is no longer available in FY 2022-23.
 - SFC's Revenue budget for AY 2022-23 has increased by £21.9m (2.0%) from the 'baseline' AY 2021-22 budget, which excludes the additional one-off consequential funding received in 2021-22 [see paragraphs 10-12].
 - Teaching funding has increased by £14.6m (2.0%) from the baseline AY 2021-22 allocation [paragraphs 11-12].
 - Research and Innovation funding has increased by £4.7m (1.6%) [paragraphs 65-73].
 - Other programme funding has been reduced by £17.0m (-29.6%) [paragraphs 74-75].
 - Capital budget has decreased by £3.4m (-8.2%), although sector-wide capital maintenance funding has been maintained at the same level as 2021-22 [paragraphs 76-82].

Scottish budget FY 2022-23

- 7. The Scottish Government's budget for 2022-23 set a Higher Education (HE) Resource (revenue) budget for Financial Year (FY) 2022-23 of £789.2m. This represents an increase of £21.0m (2.7%) from the 'baseline' FY 2021-22 budget, which excludes the additional COVID-19-related Barnett consequential funding received this year. Compared to the full, published FY 2021-22 budget, this represents a decrease of £6.0m (-0.8%).
- 8. The Scottish Government set a HE Capital budget, including research, of £348.0m, which represents an increase of £1.3m (0.4%) from FY 2021-22. Within that budget, £310.1m is to support research and innovation. The HE Financial Transactions budget has been set at £22.1m, which is unchanged from FY 2021-22.
- 9. Including the HE Capital budget for research together with the HE Resource (revenue) budget, there is a total budget for FY 2022-23 of £1,099.3m. This

provides a total increase of £22.3m from the baseline FY 2021-22 budget.

Overall revenue funds available for AY 2022-23

- In setting the sector's AY budget for 2022-23 we span two FYs; 2022-23 and 2023-24. The revenue and capital for research budgets for FY 2022-23 announced by the Scottish Government are converted into AY budgets by taking account of the proportion of the FY 2022-23 budgets that are already committed to the current AY 2021-22. It also involves a forecast of the next FY budget for 2023-24, which we have assumed will not increase (in cash terms) beyond the current FY 2022-23 level. Last year, in setting AY 2021-22 budgets, SFC had assumed 'flat cash' settlements for FY 2022-23.
- 11. On that basis, SFC has set a university revenue budget for AY 2022-23 of £1,107.2m, which represents an increase of £21.9m (2.0%) compared with the baseline AY 2021-22 revenue budget of £1,085.3m. Compared with SFC's full, published AY 2021-22 revenue budget of £1,112.3m, this represents a reduction of £5.1m (-0.5%)
 - Teaching funding has been set at £744.9m; which represents an increase of £14.6m (2.0%) from the baseline amount in AY 2021-22, or an increase of £7.2m (1.0%) from the published amount in AY 2021-22.
 - Research and Innovation funding has been set at £299.1m; an increase of £4.7m (1.6%) from AY 2021-22.
- 12. Final AY 2022-23 budget allocations are shown in Table 1.

Updates/changes from indicative funding announcement

13. There are some updates and changes to the final funding allocations from the indicative announcement published on 24 March 2022 (SFC/AN/08/2022). These are set out in the paragraphs below.

Research and innovation funding

This final announcement includes funding allocations for research and innovation in AY 2022-23 (that were not included in the indicative announcement). The Research Excellence Grant allocation is based on an amended methodology and the results of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework. Details of the methodology and mitigations to funding impacts are set out in the main Research and Innovation Funding section in this announcement (see paragraphs 66-69).

¹ Includes capital funding for research.

² AY 2021-22 teaching budget excluding funding for GAs.

Compensation for expensive strategically important subjects

15. As in previous years, compensation for expensive strategically important subjects has been updated in line with changes to intake targets in controlled subjects (see paragraphs 42-43).

Controlled subjects

- 16. Due to the timing of the <u>indicative announcement</u>, we always use the current AY (2021-22) funded student places to calculate the indicative funding allocations for the controlled subjects. Final funded student places have now been updated following the issuing of AY 2022-23 intake targets and we have shared our funded places modelling with individual universities. The resultant changes in places and funding for AY 2022-23 can be seen in Table 3 and Table A2b respectively.
- 17. Controlled SFC funded student places for AY 2022-23 are shown in Table A2b. Additional ring-fenced student places funded by the Scottish Government are shown in Table A2c. 'Consolidation' (over-recruitment) student numbers for controlled subjects are shown in Table 5 and Table C2b.
- 18. Published AY 2022-23 intake targets for the controlled subjects can be found on SFC's website at the links below:
 - Dentistry
 - Medicine
 - Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education
 - Paramedic Education
 - Initial Teacher Education

Dentistry

- 19. SFC published its <u>intake targets for Dentistry for AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23</u> on 11 May 2022. On 14 January 2022 the Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport wrote to the University of Dundee to allow it to recruit a further ten students eligible for funding and a further five students from the rest of the UK (rUK). This action was taken in light of Dundee's recruitment above target in AY 2021-22.
- 20. Total SFC funded student places for Dentistry in AY 2022-23 have increased to 429.5 FTEs; an increase of 10.7 FTEs from AY 2021-22. The overall number of funded places (including additional ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government) have increased to 503.3 FTEs; an increase of 20.5 FTEs.

Medicine

- 21. SFC published its <u>AY 2022-23 intake target letter for Medicine</u> on 13 April 2022. This letter confirmed that the overall medical intake target for AY 2022-23 was 1,317 students; an increase of 200 from the published AY 2021-22 intake targets (funded by the Scottish Government). The additional intake target has been distributed between universities following discussions between SFC and the medical schools. The increase relates to the first two years of the Scottish Government's commitment to increase the number of medical students by 500 over five years.
- 22. The overall intake for AY 2022-23 supports the continuing widening access programme (90 students), the Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) course (70 students), the new GP Track programmes at Aberdeen and Glasgow (85 students), the HCP-Med for Health Care Professionals at Edinburgh (30 students) and increases the core intake target for Scottish-domiciled and rUK students to 964 students; an increase of 200 from AY 2021-22. The intake target for international students is unchanged at 78 students.
- 23. Total SFC funded student places for Medicine in AY 2022-23 remains unchanged from AY 2021-22 at 2,588.9 FTEs, with the overall number of funded student places (incorporating places funded by the Scottish Government) increasing to 3,922.2 FTEs; an increase of 360.8.
- 24. In addition to the increased intake target, additional funded places are added for new cohorts of students relating to previous increases in the target; these include GP Track programmes at the Universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow, the HCP Med programme at University of Edinburgh, and additional widening access students. This increase in student places is funded by the Scottish Government.
- 25. In addition to the above, the intake target and funded places for the Gateway to Medicine programmes at Aberdeen and Glasgow universities has increased to 70 students for AY 2022-23, an increase of 20.

Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education

- 26. SFC published its <u>AY 2022-23 intake target letter for Pre-registration Nursing</u> and <u>Midwifery</u> on 22 March. This letter confirmed a recommended total intake of 4,837 students: an increase of 388 from AY 2021-22.
- 27. Funded student places for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery are largely supported by a transfer of funding from the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate in the Scottish Government. The minority of places funded by SFC remain unchanged from AY 2021-22, with the overall number of funded student places increasing to 12,725.6 FTEs; an increase of 814.8 FTEs.

Paramedic Education

- 28. SFC published its <u>AY 2022-23 intake target letter for Paramedic Education</u> on 22 March. This letter confirmed a recommended total intake of 335 students, an increase of 35 (11.7%) from AY 2021-22. AY 2022-23 is the third year of the new Paramedic Education programmes, with universities reaching 'steady state' in AY 2023-24.
- 29. Funded student places for Paramedic Education are solely funded by a transfer of funding from the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate in the Scottish Government. The overall number of funded student places have increased to 869.5 FTEs; an increase of 252.5 FTEs.

Initial Teacher Education

- 30. SFC published its <u>AY 2022-23 intake target letter for Initial Teacher Education</u> on 15 February. This letter confirmed a recommended total intake of 4,270 students: an increase of 200 from AY 2021-22.
- 31. Funded student places for ITE in AY 2022-23 total 6,730.9 FTEs, an increase of 370.6 FTEs from AY 2021-22.

Prosthetics and Orthotics

32. SFC will, for the first time, fund the Prosthetics and Orthotics course at the University of Strathclyde in AY 2022-23. SFC will allocate 25 funded places for students entering year one, with years two to four funded through a block grant. Funding for Prosthetics and Orthotics is solely through a transfer of funding from the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate in the Scottish Government.

Teaching funding

- 33. **Total teaching funding allocated to universities for AY 2022-23**, which excludes funding for Fee Anomalies and Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC), **has been set at £741.9m**. This is shown in Table 1 and Table 4 and includes the Main Teaching Grant, funding for Small Specialist Institutions, the Widening Access and Retention Fund, funding for Upskilling, the Disabled Students Premium (DSP) and a funding contribution for pensions. This represents an increase of £14.6m, 2.0% from the baseline AY 2021-22 allocation (or an increase of £7.2m, 1.0% from the published AY 2021-22 allocation).
- 34. This is an increase of £0.3m from the <u>indicative announcement</u> and reflects the increase in Main Teaching Grant from updated controlled funded places and a reduction in compensation for expensive strategically important subjects for AY 2022-23.

Main Teaching Grant

35. Main Teaching Grant for AY 2022-23 has been set at £701.1m, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2. This represents an increase of £14.5m, 2.1% from the baseline AY 2021-22 grant (funded by a reduction in other non-core SFC budgets), or an increase of £7.1m, 1.0% from the published AY 2021-22 grant. Individual university funding allocations are shown in Table 2.

Teaching Subject Prices

36. Teaching subject prices for AY 2022-23 have been increased by 1.5% and are shown in the table below:

Subject Price Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
AY 2021-22 price (gross)	£17,412	£9,880	£8,756	£7,623	£6,739	£5,492
AY 2022-23 price (gross)	£17,673	£10,028	£8,887	£7,737	£6,840	£5,574

37. Our gross subject prices for AY 2022-23 include the following assumed level of tuition fees for 'home fee' students, which are unchanged from AY 2021-22:

Full-time First Degree: £1,820
Other Undergraduate: £1,285
Taught Postgraduate: £5,500

Funded places for additional school leavers

38. In AY 2020-21 SFC allocated 1,297 full-time equivalent (FTE) funded student places (£7.2m) for additional school leavers recruited by universities as a consequence of the SQA grades awarded in 2020. SFC allocated a further 2,500 FTE funded places (£13.9m) for students starting their studies in AY 2021-22. SFC will continue to fund those additional places in AY 2022-23 as students progress into their third and second years respectively.

Graduate Apprenticeships

39. From AY 2021-22 SFC took over the responsibility for the funding of Graduate Apprenticeships (GAs) in Scotland's universities. From the consequential funding that SFC received as part of its budget settlement for 2021-22, we allocated 1,378 FTE funded student places (£7.4m). Places were distributed amongst universities on the basis of their past provision of GAs, adjusted to reflect their capacity to deliver that activity.

- 40. Whilst GAs remain a Ministerial priority, the additional funding that SFC received to fund them in 2021-22 has been discontinued. We have therefore incorporated GA places within the total volume of non-controlled places.
- 41. The GA volume target for AY 2022-23 is 2,756 FTE student places: 1,378 places for continuing students and 1,378 places for new student entrants in AY 2022-23. We have taken 50% of these places pro-rata from every university's non-controlled places, and 50% pro-rata from GA providers (i.e. universities that received additional GA places in AY 2021-22).

Compensation for expensive strategically important subjects

- 42. Compensation for expensive strategically important subjects in AY 2022-23 amounts to £18.7m; an increase of £0.6m from AY 2021-22. This is a reduction of £0.4m from the indicative announcement following routine updates to funded student places for controlled subjects.
- 43. This compensation continues to reflect the difference between the teaching funding SFC allocates for higher subject price groups, and the annual tuition fee level that Scottish universities can charge rUK students. For the purpose of this funding calculation it is assumed that all rUK students will be charged a fee of £9,250 and our modelling assumes that universities will receive three sets of £9,250 fees for a four-year degree in subject price groups 2 and 3. This is shown in Table 2.
- 44. As part of our Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability, SFC is committed to reviewing this compensation 'premium' to ensure its continued relevance.

Additional funded places for Widening Access and Articulation

- 45. In AY 2013-14 SFC introduced three new investment schemes, providing universities with additional funded student places to widen access, increase articulation and support key sectors of the economy with additional undergraduate and taught postgraduate skills places. The allocations of additional places remain unchanged for AY 2022-23.
- 46. SFC 'mainstreamed' the additional Widening Access places with universities' core funded places from AY 2018-19. In return for the mainstreaming of these places, SFC expects the sector as a whole and each university to continue to meet the relevant Commission on Widening Access (CoWA) targets. Through our Outcome Agreement process, we have set and agreed institutional targets to ensure that those targets can be achieved.
- 47. Following a review, we announced that there would no change to the additional articulation places 'Associate Student' scheme for AY 2018-19 and

- AY 2019-20, subject to satisfactory outcome agreement targets with the universities that receive these places. This was carried on to AY 2020-21 and remains the case for AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23.
- 48. Universities (and colleges) are therefore expected to continue with the current arrangements for AY 2022-23 and to meet the priorities set out by the Scottish Government to expand articulation, ensuring they continue to support disadvantaged learners to progress to degree level study. This will be monitored by way of targets set through the outcome agreement process.
- 49. SFC continues to expect 75% of additional articulation funding for Associate Students to be transferred from universities to colleges, for those years in which activity is delivered in colleges. We will continue to monitor the transfer and impact of this funding.

Additional funded places for Skills

- 50. SFC allocated an additional 1,195 FTE undergraduate (UG) and 832 FTE taught postgraduate (TPG) places for Skills between AY 2013-14 and AY 2017-18. There are no changes to the UG Skills places for AY 2022-23.
- 51. From AY 2019-20 we repurposed the funding for TPG Skills places for an Upskilling fund to support new, shorter, more flexible courses aimed at upskilling people already in work and/or addressing skills shortages (see paragraph 56).

Innovation Centre TPG places

52. SFC continues to provide additional funded student places for Masters-level courses to be delivered under the Innovation Centre (IC) programme. These places put particular emphasis on the development of provision to help address the skills needs of the IC's relevant industry. This involves close industry engagement, often in the form of a student placement at an IC's industrial partner. There are no changes to these additional places for AY 2022-23.

Small Specialist Institutions (SSI)

53. The SSI Grant for AY 2022-23 is £10.6m, which is unchanged from AY 2021-22. SSI Grant allocations for individual universities are shown in Table 4.

Widening Access and Retention Fund (WARF)

- 54. The WARF for AY 2022-23 remains at £15.6m, which is unchanged from AY 2021-22. WARF allocations for individual universities are shown in Table 4.
- 55. SFC consulted the sector in 2019 on a planned review of WARF to implement

and deliver on the CoWA recommendations. The review of WARF has now been incorporated into SFC's broader Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability where we are committed to working with the sector to devise a fair and inclusive approach to WARF – taking account of related funding – to ensure this Fund is leveraged to best support student outcomes.

Upskilling

56. Upskilling funding for AY 2022-23 is £7.0m, which is unchanged from AY 2021-22. Upskilling allocations for individual universities are shown in Table 4.

Disabled Students Premium (DSP)

57. The DSP for AY 2022-23 is £2.9m, which is unchanged from AY 2021-22. DSP allocations for individual universities are shown in Table 4.

Expansion of Early Years Education

58. In continued support of the Scottish Government's plans to increase entitlement to free childcare, SFC has allocated funded places in AY 2022-23 for continuing Childhood Practice students totalling 181.2 FTEs. A breakdown of the places and associated funding (£1.2m) is shown in Table A2c. This allocation is subject to confirmation from the Scottish Government, who will continue to meet the costs of this activity through an additional ring-fenced grant.

Funding for Counsellors

- 59. As part of its Programme for Government in responding to mental ill-health, the Scottish Government committed to providing funding for more than 80 additional counsellors in HE and FE over a four-year period from AY 2019-20.
- 60. At this stage, the Scottish Government has confirmed funding of £3.1m in FY 2022-23 for both the university and college sectors (covering the period August 2022 March 2023 of AY 2022-23).
- 61. Further funding will be made available to cover the remainder of the AY (April-July 2023) to make up the full AY 2022-23 funding allocation. The total for this is still to be confirmed but the Scottish Government has advised that funding for AY 2022-23 will be broadly comparable to the funding allocated for AY 2021-22.
- 62. SFC will publish the final funding allocations and associated guidance when the full AY 2022-23 budget has been confirmed. We expect this to be by June and we will announce the guidance and individual university allocations thereafter.

Access to free period products

- 63. SFC expects a further year's funding for the provision of free period products in universities to be announced in due course and will work with the Scottish Government to confirm funding for 2022-23.
- 64. The Scottish Government expects to be in a position to advise on the 2022-23 funding allocation in June. Specific guidance, along with a breakdown of individual university funding allocations, will then be published separately prior to the start of the new AY.

Research and Innovation Funding

65. The Scottish Government announced a 2022-23 capital budget for research and innovation of £299.1m; a 4.7m (1.6%) increase from 2021-22.

Research Excellence Grant

66. Research Excellence Grant (REG) funding for AY 2022-23 has been set at £246.8m as shown in Table 6; an increase of £3.9m (1.6%) from AY 2021-22. REG allocations are based on an allocation model that has been amended in light of our Review and responses to our <u>consultation</u>, and have been informed by the results of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF).

Changes to REG allocation model

- 67. The following changes have been made to REG formula allocation model which will apply from AY 2022-23:
 - Removal of STEMM premium.
 - Changes to unit of assessment (subject) weightings.
 - The budget for Part A of REG (REGa) has been divided using the same proportions as the REF sub-profiles (60% Outputs, 25% Impact and 15% Environment) and those shares of the REG(a) budget have been allocated by reference to the relevant REF sub-profile quality scores.
 - The percentage of funding allocated through Part C of REG (REGc) has been increased from 11% to 13%, bringing Scotland more in line with the rUK.
 - The quality weighting has been changed to 4:1 (4*=4, 3*=1).
- 68. The revised unit of assessment (subject) weightings for REG(a) are shown in Table B1.
- 69. A detailed breakdown of REG(a) funding allocations for individual universities is shown in Table B4.

Impact of REF results

- 70. The 2021 REF results have had a significant impact on universities' REG allocations. As set out in the <u>indicative announcement</u>, to avoid significant disruption to individual institutions, we have limited the level of any university's reduction in REG for AY 2022-23 to -10%. This transition will be for one year and limitations will be removed for AY 2023-24.
- 71. A detailed breakdown of AY 2022-23 REG allocations for individual universities is shown in Table B2.

Research Postgraduate Grant

72. Research Postgraduate Grant (RPG) funding for AY 2022-23 has been set at £36.9m; an increase of £0.6m (1.6%) from AY 2021-22. Individual university allocations are shown in Table 6, with a more detailed breakdown provided in Table B3.

University Innovation Fund

73. University Innovation Funding (UIF) for AY 2022-23 has been set at £15.3m; an increase of £0.2m (1.6%) from AY 2021-22. Whilst there has been no change to the overall budget since the <u>indicative announcement</u>, we have top-sliced £0.1m from the budget to fund the UIF Collaboration Manager post from AY 2022-23 and allocated this to the University of the West of Scotland in its capacity as host institution. Individual university allocations are shown in Table 6.

Other non-core programme funding

- 74. A portion of SFC's annual funding for universities is earmarked for other national services (including Jisc, Quality Assurance Agency, Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)), strategic interventions that support transformational change aligned to SFC and Scottish Government priorities (e.g. widening access), and projects where we can facilitate collaboration and leveraging of funds from other partners, e.g. Innovation Centres.
- 75. The budget for this funding in AY 2022-23 has been set at £40.5m; a reduction of £17.0m (-29.6%) from the published AY 2021-22 budget of £57.5m. This is a reduction of £0.3m from the <u>indicative announcement</u> caused by the increase in Main Teaching Grant due to controlled places (see paragraphs 33-34). This reduced budget will still enable SFC to meet all current awards and known commitments, and we will continue to have some flexibility to respond and support the university sector (and its students) in ongoing challenges as we continue into a COVID-19 recovery period.

Capital

- 76. The Scottish Government's FY 2022-23 budget provides an HE Capital budget of £37.9m; a reduction of £3.4m (-8.2%) from FY 2021-22. This reduction relates to the planned end of a period of specific backlog maintenance funding allocated annually to SRUC and sector Capital Maintenance Grant for FY 2022-23 remains unchanged.
- 77. This budget, together with an assumed level of Higher Education Research Capital (HERC) funding from the UK Government's Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) which would be matched by SFC and a share of digital poverty funding (see paragraphs 80-81), provides an overall amount of capital funding available to universities in FY 2022-23 of £56.3m, as shown below:

	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	Change
Capital budgets	£M	£M	£M
Capital Maintenance Grant	16.8	16.8	1
Edinburgh Medical School	4.2	4.3	0.1
SRUC backlog maintenance	3.5	-	(3.5)
Research Capital Grant - SFC match (TBC)	16.8	16.8	-
Total HE Capital	41.3	37.9	(3.4)
Digital Poverty	-	1.6	1.6
Research Capital Grant – from BEIS (TBC)	16.8	16.8	-
Total Capital funding for universities	58.1	56.3	(1.8)

Capital Maintenance Grant

78. The FY 2022-23 budget for Capital Maintenance Grant has been set at £16.8m, which is unchanged from FY 2021-22. This grant is allocated pro-rata to a university's share of its total Main Teaching Grant. Final grant allocations for individual universities are shown in Table 8.

Research Capital Grant

79. We are currently assuming that we will receive the same level of HERC funding from UK BEIS as last year (£16.8m). This would be matched by SFC, providing a total research capital grant allocation for FY 2022-23 of £33.5m. We have however yet to receive confirmation from BEIS. Once that is received and budgets are finalised, we will inform universities as soon as possible.

Digital poverty

80. The Scottish Government's FY 2022-23 capital budget for colleges includes £5.0m to help alleviate digital poverty across colleges, universities, and

- community learning and development (CLD) providers. Of that budget, the Scottish Government has earmarked £0.5m for CLD, with the distribution method yet to be agreed.
- 81. Of the remaining £4.5m, the university sector has been allocated £1.6m. Digital poverty funding allocations for FY 2022-23 for individual universities are also shown in Table 8 and have been based on proportions of Main Teaching Grant for AY 2022-23.

Financial Transactions

82. In addition to Capital, the Scottish Government's budget provides Financial Transactions (FT) funding of £22.1m, which is unchanged from FY 2021-22. Additional recycled payments of circa £8.9m are also anticipated, which would provide an estimated £31.0m programme in FY 2022-23. FT funding will be prioritised towards university projects that are responding to the climate emergency and supporting institutions' pathways to Net Zero.

Funding transfer to SAAS

83. SFC anticipates a transfer of funding to Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) totalling £22.8m, which is unchanged from 2021-22.

Tables

- 84. We have provided the following annexes/tables for AY 2022-23:
 - Annex A summary of sector/university funding allocations
 - Annex B summary of sector/university funded places and student number targets
 - Annex C Conditions of funding
 - Annex D Profile of monthly payments for main grants
 - Table 1 Overall budget
 - Table 2 Main Teaching Grant
 - Table 3 Funded student places
 - Table 4 Summary of grants for Teaching
 - Table 5 Consolidation student numbers
 - Table 6 Summary of grants for Research and Innovation
 - Table 7 Summary of grants for Teaching, Research and Innovation compared with AY 2021-22
 - Table 8 Capital funding (FY 2022-23)

- 85. We have also provided the following additional tables:
 - Table A1 Breakdown of Main Teaching Grant allocations
 - Table A2a Non-controlled funded student places
 - Table A2b Controlled student places funded by SFC
 - Table A2c Additional student places funded by Scottish Government
 - Table A2d All controlled student places (funded by SFC and Scottish Government)
 - Table A3 Breakdown of changes to non-controlled funded student places
 - Table A4 Funded student places by subject price group
 - Table B1 Unit of assessment (subject) weightings for REG(a)
 - Table B2 Breakdown of REG allocations
 - Table B3 Breakdown of RPG allocations
 - Table B4 Breakdown of REG(a) allocations by unit of assessment
 - There is no Table C1
 - Table C2a Consolidation numbers for non-controlled subjects
 - Table C2b Consolidation numbers for controlled subjects
 - Table D1 Derivation of Main Teaching Grant for initial funded places
 - Table D2 Assumed tuition fees

Fair Work First

86. The Scottish Government expects that all public bodies, and those in receipt of public funds, should be exemplars of Fair Work and that they should be able to demonstrate Fair Work practices. As a recipient of public funds, universities must be committed to Fair Work practices for staff (including any agency or sub-contractor workers) engaged in the delivery of activity associated with public funds.

Further information

87. For more information, please contact Richard Maconachie, Director of Finance email: maconachie@sfc.ac.uk or Gordon Craig, Deputy Director, Tertiary Education Funding, email: gcraig@sfc.ac.uk, in the first instance.

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