

Item: 3

College Management Council Sub-committee: 28 May 2018.

Highlands and Islands Students' Association – Update.

Report by Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

1. Purpose of Report

To appraise the Sub-committee of the work of the Highlands and Islands Students' Association.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That Orkney College is committed to increasing the engagement of students in the life of the College and contribute in a meaningful way to its governance.

2.2.

That one mechanism by which the students can make a meaningful contribution to the governance of Orkney College is to make members of the Sub-committee aware of issues that are important to the students of Orkney College.

2.3.

That the collective body through which Orkney College engages with students is the Highlands and Islands Students' Association.

2.4.

The paper prepared by the Orkney Depute President of the Highlands and Islands Students' Association, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Highlands and Islands Students' Association - Update

3.1.

Both the Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council are encouraging colleges to ensure that students engage as fully as possible in the life and governance of colleges. Effective engagement of students features strongly in the Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Colleges published by Colleges Scotland.

3.2.

In order to make it as accessible as possible for students to present their ideas to the College Management Council, a paper from the Highlands and Islands Student Association is attached as Appendix 1 to this report, in a style decided by the students.

4. Links to Council Plan

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan strategic priority of Thriving Communities.

5. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priority of Strong Communities.

6. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

7. Legal Aspects

7.1.

Orkney College is a college of further education for the purposes of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended and is not an independent college incorporated under the further and higher education (Scotland) act 1992 and is therefore part of the Council.

7.2.

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9. Appendix

Appendix 1: Paper from Highlands and Islands Students'.