

## **Item: 6**

**College Management Council Sub-committee: 5 November 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.**

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

- Class representative training.
- Highlands and Islands Students' Association Halloween Event.
- The Peoples Vote March.
- NetworQ Orkney.

### **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**

### **4.1.**

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

### **4.2.**

The matters in this report relate directly to Priority 3.5: We will develop Lifelong learning opportunities through the Community Learning programme which will include a family learning programme.

## **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 noting report.

## **7. Legal Aspects**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this noting report.

## **8. Contact Officers**

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## **9. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Paper from Highlands and Islands Students' Association.

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## HISA Update for CMC

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### 1. Class Reps

#### Training

- Class Representative training was successful and we trained 7 (5 couldn't make the training, so did it online) Reps on the day.
- We have our first Student Representatives meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

### 2. HISA Halloween

#### Event

- On the 31<sup>st</sup> October, students have the opportunity to come along to a Halloween event run by HISA at The Neuk.
- This event is a 'dress up', with prizes to be won.

### 3. The Peoples Vote March

- Sorcha Kirker (HISA Vice Principal HE) took 4 students down to 'the peoples vote' march in London on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- This was successful and the 4 students, Jamie, Natasha, Ben and Andrea all enjoyed being away and marching for their votes.

### 4. NetworQ Orkney

- NetworQ Orkney will be hosting an LGBT+ event at the college on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.