REGIONAL BOARD REPORT

Subject: Regional Board Development Plan Update	**Purpose:** **For Approval** ☐ **For Discussion** ☒ **For Information** ☐
Prepared by: David Killean Interim Board Secretary	**Date:** 27 April 2017

Purpose: To provide the Board with progress report on their development plan for 2016-17

Executive Summary:
The Board's own development plan for 2016/17 was set following Board member's individual reviews. This report provides detail of the progress made with each development point. Board members may wish to contribute further information to inform this interim review of progress.

It is also worth noting that there is good linkage between this development plan and the development points identified in Jan Polley's recent independent review for the Board which we will use to inform the Board's development plan for 2017/18.

The items that require further discussion and agreement are:
Joint meeting with Dumfries & Galloway Board in late September/early October
Stakeholder dinner in early Spring 2018
Board team working

Recommendation:
Board members should contribute to the discussion of the interim report and agree that it is an accurate record of progress.

Previous Committee Approvals:

For publication ☒	**For publication with redactions** ☐	**Not for publication** ☐

Signed:

Author **Principal**

Annual Board Development Plan 2016-17

Background

As part of the Board self-evaluation and development programme the Chair has met with members to discuss their own development needs as well as those of the wider Board. The resulting Board development plan was agreed at the 8 December 2016 meeting of the Board.

1. KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT	**Progress Update March 2017**
1.1 All members would ensure that they have attended both of the governance workshops organised by CDN	The Board Secretary is establishing a system for ensuring all Board members CPD is tracked and recorded.
1.2 An annual joint board meeting with Dumfries and Galloway College be arranged to identify and address matters of mutual interest	The joint board meeting was held on the 1 November 2016 addressing areas of common interest which has allowed the Board to collaborate closely regarding the enterprise and skills review and now in preparation for the new agency for the South of Scotland. This annual event is due to be held at Dumfries & Galloway College in 2017.
1.3. The Board should seek to extend its high level networks in order to progress key strategic objectives. For example, a joint meeting with elected members of Scottish Borders Council to promote a collaborative approach to the establishment of the new Enterprise and Skills Agency for the South of Scotland.	Networking through the joint Colleges event and stakeholder dinner offers a good opportunity to discuss strategic objectives, particularly the South of Scotland Enterprise and Skills Agency. Planning for these events is underway.
1.4 The Chair/SMT ensure that at each meeting key environmental changes which have occurred since the last meeting are highlighted and the potential implications identified.	This is now included in the Chair's remarks and the Principal's updates to each Board meetings.
1.5 SMT is asked to identify in the executive summary to their papers whenever there is a link to the achievement of the strategic goals of the college.	The Board Secretary has amended the Board and Committee front sheet for all papers to include a reference to the related strategic indicator.
2. BOARD MEMBER SKILLS	
2.1 All members undertake and report on their *Learning for Leading* visits and, as part of this, seek to attend a Faculty Council meeting in order to better understand the role they play in the quality process.	The CQC received two Learning for Leading reports at its March meeting. BCSA will provide Board members with dates for future Faculty Council meetings to help with arrangements for attendance at these meetings.
3. ORGANISATIONAL KNOWLEDGE	
3.1 Arrange an internal Board event to clarify the different requirements and implications of financial reporting arrangements for SFC and Scottish Government.	The VP for Finance & Resources provided a presentation to Board members to clarify the financial reporting arrangements at the December 2016 meeting.
3.2 Organise a stakeholder dinner for existing and potential partners utilising member's networks.	Board Secretary is seeking potential dates. For further discussion with Board members at the April 2017 Board meeting.
3.3 All members of Remuneration Committee to undertake the CDN on line	All Board members are signed up for the Remuneration online training with

training.	one member completed to date and progress being made by several others.
3.4 Increase direct student involvement and member's knowledge by asking different student groups to present to the Board e.g. those achieving an award.	Curriculum managers have been asked to identify groups of students who could present to the Board along with the curricular staff on the work they have undertaken or awards they have received.
3.5 Continue with the programme of Faculty/support department presentations to Board meetings	The next six presentations have been planned through until September 2018. The range has been expanded to include both learning and student support.
3.6 To ensure that all members are familiar with the new quality arrangements for colleges (*How Good is our College? – First Edition)* and understand their involvement in the self-evaluation and enhancement planning process.	The College HMI attended and presented to the March 17 meetings of the Regional Board and the Curriculum and Quality Committee. Board self-evaluation and enhancement planning will be part of the new QA annual cycle from 2016/17 onwards.
4. TEAM WORKING	
4.1 Organise a joint meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Curriculum and Quality Committee to focus on digital technologies.	Planned for the 25 May 2017. Final agreement required from both chairs of committee.
4.2 Seek to maximise opportunities for members to mix in more informal sessions and contexts	Item for discussion at the April 2017 Board meeting