



To: Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board

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UPDATE ON SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS 2015/16

1 Summary

West College Scotland has received an indicative allocation of £2.451M for 2015/16 via the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) from the joint SFC and SDS proposal for funding via the European Structural Funds 2014 -2020 programme.

West College Scotland is awaiting final confirmation of this allocation and associated guidance for delivery of the programme.

A further report will be submitted to the Board once the final allocation and delivery is confirmed

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Community Planning Board notes the report

3 Background

The Scottish Funding Council has been given an indicative allocation from the European Structural Funds 2014/2020 for its 2015/16 programme. The indicative allocation is broken down against three areas:

- Youth Employment Initiative (South West Scotland);
- European Social Funds (ESF) (Lower and Uplands Scotland (LUPS);
- Highlands & Islands ESF transitional funding

West College Scotland has an indicative allocation of £2.451M from the Youth Employment Initiative 2015/16 element.

The Youth Employment Initiative(YEI) aims to integrate young people not in employment, education or training into the labour market. A specific objective is to reduce youth unemployment in South West Scotland.



The funding will support additional college places and bursary support that address issues that prevent young people taking up these College places targeting intervention primarily at Stage 3 of the Strategic Skills Delivery Pipeline.

The additional places will be targeted at vocational areas identified via Regional Skills Assessments, the Developing Young Workforce Agenda and local CPP priorities targeting support at areas that provide good employment opportunities for young people.

West College Scotland is awaiting final guidance and template for completion of detailed application for the indicative funding and will share this with CPP partners when available

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