



To: Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board

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Heading:

Update on EU Funding for Renfrewshire 2015/20 - Agreement on Funding Proposals for the Renfrewshire CPP Area

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 It was reported at the Jobs & Economy Thematic Board on 11th June 2015 that West College Scotland had 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.
- 1.2 The delivery has now been confirmed and delivery commenced. This report provides details on the additional full time places supported by this funding.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board notes the report

3. **Background**

- 3.1 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

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

The Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) aims to integrate young people aged 16-29 not in employment, education or training into the labour market. A specific objective is to reduce youth unemployment in South West Scotland

4. **West College Scotland 2015/16 YEI Delivery**

- 4.1 West College Scotland will deliver an additional 7086 credits to 443 participants across the College region providing additional full time places to maximise the vocational training required to meet individual, local and national economic needs. The delivery is at Stage 3 of the Employability pipeline offering vocational training and higher level qualifications that provide a progression move for those progressing from Stages 1 & 2.
- 4.2 The additional places have been informed by the Regional Skills Assessment and are focussed on growth sectors.
The additional places are in the following areas at SCQF levels 4,5,6

Care	Construction
Health Care	Engineering
Social Care	Motor Vehicle Systems
Applied Science	Professional Cookery
Business Administration	Travel & Tourism
Accounting	Media & Design
Digital Media	
Construction	

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