

AUDIT & RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee will be held at 15:00 hours on Wednesday 24 May 2023 in the Sighthill, Boardroom.

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1	WELC	COME & APOLOGIES	Chair	
2	DECL	ARATIONS OF INTEREST	Chair	
3	MINU	TES OF PREVIOUS MEETING for approval	Chair	Α
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5	INTER 5.1 5.2 5.3	RNAL AUDIT REPORTS Summary of Audit Recommendations Report Internal Audit Report: Sustainability Draft Internal Audit Plan 2023/24 for approval	A Williamson BDO BDO	C D E
6	RISK A 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4	ASSURANCE Risk Appetite & Tolerance Statement Update Risk Management Report Data Breach Incidents and Cyber Attacks Update Deep Dive: Recruitment, Retention & Enrolment Update	A Williamson N Croft N Croft J Pearson	Verbal F G Verbal
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10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC

N.B: The minutes of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee are reported Management, with an accompany commentary from the Committee Chair.	directly	to the	Board of

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Title	Risk Management Update
Appendices	Appendix 1: Top level Risk Register Infographic April 2023
	Appendix 2: Top Level Risk Register April 2023
	Appendix 3: Business Continuity Management Plan – Adverse
	Weather
Disclosable under FOISA	Yes
Primary Contact	Nick Croft, Director of Communications, Policy & Research
Date of Production	05.05.23
Action Required	Approval / Discussion

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Audit & Risk Assurance Committee is asked to note the changes to the top-level college risks agreed by the Risk Management and Assurance Group (RMAG), and to approve the following documents as being fit for purpose before wider publication:

Business Continuity Management Plan – Adverse Weather (Appendix 3)

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This paper provides an update on matters relating to risk management and business continuity at the College.

3. DETAIL

At its most recent meeting on 4 May 2023, the RMAG discussed the following:

Top Risk Register (Appendix 1 & 2 refers)

The RMAG agreed that the current top risks for the college are:

- (1) National bargaining impact on college operations
- (33) Financial sustainability (insufficient budget / funding to cover cost of living, job evaluation, employer pension contribution increases)
- (2) Student retention and attainment
- (24) Cyber security breaches within the college
- (32) Failure to meet SFC funded activity targets and fees (recruitment, credits, SAAS and fee income)

The RMAG also noted that the top-level risk register will be realigned to the new Strategic Framework 2022 for next academic session.

Business Continuity Exercise: Cyber-attack rehearsal

On the 4 May 2023 key college stakeholders participated in a cyber-attack scenario rehearsal facilitated by a Zurich Senior Risk Consultant.

This rehearsal highlighted the plans that the college has in place and walked all attendees through a phishing attack scenario from the immediate response, business

continuity actions and recovery steps. The exercise presentation provided by Zurich as part of the Business Continuity Exercise can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Once the facilitator assessment of this rehearsal has been provided a copy will be provided to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

Operational risk registers

<u>Construction & Engineering</u> – The faculty Assistant Principal advised the RMAG that the top risks for this faculty and mitigations include:

Top risk Increased demand in MA provision, with faculty not being in a position to deliver growth.

Mitigation: Ongoing discussions with employers/agents and the development of a new delivery model.

2nd risk Financial - direct income targets not being met following Voluntary Severance, and/or decreased MA numbers influencing direct income level.

Mitigation: Ongoing work with Commercial team to evaluate and monitor situation. Shortfall in income could be mitigated with additional MA income.

3rd **risk** Framework changes to MA/SVQ programs resulting in reduced credit value/fee change.

Mitigation: Work being driven externally – internal working groups in place to monitor ongoing situation.

<u>Enterprise Knowledge & Exchange</u> – The faculty Assistant Principal advised the RMAG that the top risks for this faculty and mitigations includes:

Top risk Personal safety of staff working in-country.

Mitigation: Working group established to review gaps in process and develop response plans. Pre-travel processes (forms) now in place. Work underway with external partners to ensure that plans are fit for purpose.

2nd **risk** Paper-based processes inhibit ability to achieve commercial targets.

Mitigation: A College project is underway to digitise international applications as currently a paper-based process. LEAN programme to be launched to identify areas that could benefit from refinement of internal processes and/or digitisation options to be explored.

3rd risk No suitable catering offer for international students/ groups.

Mitigation: G&G contact confirmed; however, food offer still being negotiated (price-point). Discussions with procurement team to frame an acceptable offer is underway.

4. IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

The development and management of the College's Risk Management Framework and Business Continuity Management Framework improves the College's capacity to:

- Identify, mitigate, and monitor college risks and possible major disruptions.
- Develop business continuity and recovery plans for major disruptions.
- Devise action plans to minimise high level adverse risk.
- Identify the colleges risk tolerance and risk appetite for each strategic aim.
- Improve academic and support services to deliver an excellent student experience.
- Address specific financial shortfalls to safeguard future financial sustainability.
- Invest in the workforce through an impactful people strategy.
- Maintain good College governance.

5. LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN AND KPIs

The successful management of the College's Risk Management Framework and Business Continuity Management Framework are central to good governance which enables the College to deliver its Strategic Aims and Key Performance Indicators.

TOP LEVEL RISK REGISTER

April 2023



Overview

The following have been identified as the top strategic risks of Edinburgh College for the reporting period starting April 2023.

The colour status applied to each listed risk is based on the residual (Net) score applied within the top risk register maintained by the College.

RED Score

- \leftrightarrow (1) National bargaining impact on college operations
- ⇔ (33) Financial Sustainability (Insufficient budget / funding to cover cost of living, job evaluation, employer pension contribution increases)
- \leftrightarrow (2) Student retention and attainment
- \leftrightarrow (24) Cyber security breaches within the college
- ⇔ (32) Failure to meet SFC funded activity targets and fees (recruitment, credit, SAAS and fee income)

AMBER Score

- \leftrightarrow (3) Shortfall in commercial income
- ↔ (25) Finable breach of the GDPR or PECR
- \leftrightarrow (28) College estate infrastructure not aligned to meet business need

GREEN Score

- \leftrightarrow (35) Public health risk
- ↔ (27) Workforce planning and development
- \leftrightarrow (15) Health & safety non-compliance

Risk Movement 13 13 12 11 11 Oct 20 Feb 22 Apr 23 Feb 21 Apr 21 Aug 21 Apr 22 Aug 22 Jan 23 Oct 21

RAG Key

- \leftrightarrow No score movement from last reporting period
- ↑ Residual (Net) score increase from last reporting period. Colour of arrow denotes the risks previous RAG score
- → Residual (Net) score decrease from last reporting period. Colour of arrow denotes the risks previous RAG score
- New Risk
- 1 Combination of previously separate risks within the top risk register

EDINBURGH COLLEGE TOP LEVEL STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER FOR REPORTING PERIOD UP TO APRIL 2023

LEAD: Chief Operating Officer

RESPONSIBLE: Head of Communication Policy and Research

RAG KEY:

COLOUR KEY	DESCRIPTION
16 - 25	At Risk or Late – Not Under Management Control – Action Required
High Risk	When Red, significant concerns over the adequacy/effectiveness of the controls in place and assurances obtained in proportion to the risk
11 - 15	At Risk or Late – Under Management Control
Moderate Risk	When Amber, some areas of concern over the adequacy/effectiveness of the controls in place and assurances obtained in proportion to the risk
0 - 10	On Target and Under Management Control
Low Risk	When Green, controls and assurances are adequate/effective in proportion to the risk
Yellow or Blank	Insufficient information at present to judge the adequacy/effectiveness of the controls and assurances



RISK DETAILS	RISK SCORING & TRACKING	RISK MITIGATIONS & CONTROLS	RISK MONITORING & ASSURANCE	CONTINGENCY IF RISK MITIGATIONS & CONTROLS FAIL	CHANGE LOG - FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD
(1) NATIONAL BARGAINING IMPACT ON COLLEGE OPERATIONS Management Lead: Director of HR & OD Lead Committee: Policy and Resources Committee	Inherent (Gross) Risk Probability Impact Score 5 5 25 Residual (Net) Risk Probability Impact Score 5 5 25 Movement Residual Risk Score Inherent Risk Score 25 20 15 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Preventative (Probability): • Senior staff present on national work and bargaining groups to influence future direction Remedial (Impact): • HR regularly review national circulars and determines national impact on college Both: • Strong partnership working between management and unions	 1st line of defence: Senior staff present on nation work and bargaining groups to influence future direction Regular internal HR/Executive meeting to review national initiatives and determine college actions Head attend ET meeting to update ET and to assess impact of national decisions on the college HR work with Heads to discuss impact in their areas General discussions with Finance regarding financial impacts Monthly meetings between COO and HRD 2nd line of defence: Policy and Resources Committee discussions and reports Audit and Risk Assurance Committee review of top-level risk register – which includes industrial relations risk Executive Team and SMT meetings + reports – industrial relations matters 3rd line of defence: Local Negotiation Committees – COO chairs LNC with Unison and Vice Principal with EIS (HRD attends both) - National issues are discussed with a view to determine college actions 	Focused management and oversight of situation by Executive, and senior management teams	2 nd year pay deal has been tabled

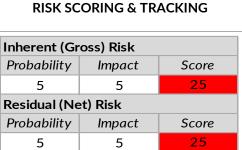
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Management Lead: Director of Finance

Director of HR & OD

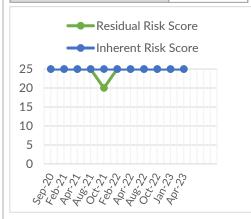
Lead Committee:

Policy and Resources Committee



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RISK MITIGATIONS & CONTROLS

Preventative (Probability):

- Active engagement at national level via Principal, COO and Director of HR / OD
- Develop a more unified response with other colleges through HR and Finance networks
- Improved involvement with the NJNC via Director of HR&OD
- Increase volume of lobbying with MSPs to promote needs of college
- Financial Forecasting and sensitivity analysis in place taking account of additional financial requirements and cost savings
- Together with other affected public sector organisations engage with bodies setting SPPA and LPF employer pension rates
- Better workforce planning to ensure that staffing costs are contained, Led by COO and SMT
- Efforts to reduce costs (through regular meetings with dept heads to review operational costs) and maximise commercial income through regular meetings between Director of Finance and Estates and Director of Commercial Development

Remedial (Impact):

- 6% contribution (Middle Managers 3%) to Job Evaluation awarded from the SFC
- SFC have funded increase in employer lecturer pension costs
- SFC have provided a minimal increase for 2022/23 and therefore there will be a shortfall on funding for cost of living increases. We have been told to expect fat cash funding for future years.
- Additional VS scheme may go ahead in 2022/23 as an action to align budget and make savings for future years
- Ensure all costs associated with reduced income are removed where possible.
- Recruitment freeze may need to be actioned in 2022/23
- SMT to develop a savings plan

Both:

- Total impact fully disclosed to BoM
- Cost of Living increases included 2022/23 at an estimate of Public Sector Pay Policy. No agreement with Unions, consultation will be ongoing until agreed.
- Working with national employer's association to request additional Grant funding

& ASSURANCE

1st line of defence:

• Ensure EC has the latest information available on future pension rate movements (review all published information)

RISK MONITORING

- Annual budget setting with each AP/Director, included in operational plans
- Monthly management accounts meetings with each AP/Director
- Monthly meetings between COO and Director of Finance & Estates Infrastructure
- Annual assurance statements including financial control, references
- Maintaining up to date financial regulations as well as policies and procedures
- Annual Accounts scrutinised by the Executive Team
- Regular Cash flow forecast prepared and reviewed
- SFC Cash flows prepared, reviewed, and sent monthly
- Regular joint reviews by Directors of HR/OD & Finance & Estates Infrastructure of budget aligned to establishment
- SMT meeting regularly

2nd line of defence:

- Senior Management and Executive Team reviews of financial controls, cash management, management accounts and performance.
- Quarterly reports to Policy and Resources Committee and the Board.
- Budget and 5-year forecast process and papers to committees and board.
- Finance Report (including management accounts) reviewed by P&R Committee & Board.
- Regional Procurement Strategy approved by P&R Committee annually

3rd line of defence:

- Full impact disclosed to BoM
- External Audit of finance including cash flow & management, payroll & expenses, purchasing & creditors and procurement as well as annual internal audit of EMA, bursaries and other student support funds
- Annual Accounts signed off by External auditors and laid before the Scottish Parliament.

CONTINGENCY IF RISK MITIGATIONS & CONTROLS FAIL

- Seek further income from external revenue streams
- Impose a moratorium on expenditure
- Reduction in staff costs through restriction on filling vacancies.
- National lobby on ability to create further revenue for the college

CHANGE LOG - FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

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(2) STUDENT	Inherent (Gross) Risk	Preventative (Probability):	1 st line of defence:	Implement enhanced EREP (action	
RETENTION AND ATTAINMENT Management Lead: VP Innovation Planning & Performance VP Education & Skills Lead Committee: Policy and Resources Committee	Residual Risk Score Residual Risk Score Residual Risk Score Residual Risk Score Inherent Risk Score Residual Risk Score	 New implemented curriculum management structure has re-designated 50 staff to management roles. This will create smaller curriculum teams and enable a greater focus on the quality of learning and teaching and help lead to improvements in both retention and attainment MIS email staff proactively around student with cause for attendance concerns (targeting support before course starts) Use of predictive analytics Curriculum planning tool in use (Curriculum review) Planning matrix including impacts and accountability Introduce and adhere to curriculum planning cycle Improved business intelligence (SFC/SDS/other data) Improved course information and pre-course guidance Continued use of application window Continued training and joint working of curriculum and student support teams Collegiate student focus / retention friendly timetabling Ensuring all funding in place before start dates Positive behaviour and anti-bullying and harassment policy and procedure in place Counselling and wellbeing support in place (inc free sanitary products across all campuses) Student communications to inform and build engaged student community Career Coach in place and upgraded to latest version Course remediation process in place for courses with low Pl's to ensure course is still relevant to continue Attendance and retention policy in use Online withdrawals form replaced old paperbased withdrawals, which allows a more streamlined (monitored) process and more accurate withdrawal data within college Single central record project (pro-monitor) ROA Action plans outlined in Operational plans New automation of pathways for progressing students (don't have to go through application 	 Student focused timetabling – RONSEAL group e.g., application process review CM forum Assessment board meetings LDTs attend course teams meeting Weekly AP meeting EREP report discussed at SMT meetings (standing item on agenda) HOF led performance reviews between HOF, CM, CL, Lecturers (in addition 3 x per year to Exec lead performance reviews with HOF and CM) using operational plan targets Quality team meetings with CM's and CL's Team meetings focused on self-evaluation Annual ongoing curriculum review Fortnightly ECSA meeting with AP QI 2nd line of defence: Regular reporting to Executive Team and Senior Management Team Regular reporting to Academic Council Deep Dives led by Audit and Risk Assurance Committee ROA reporting to the Board of Management Performance against ROA targets report to Academic Council Student destination survey reports to Academic Council ECSA reporting of student satisfaction to Academic council and Board of Management 3rd line of defence: Annual framework audit ROA reporting to the SFC Annual internal FES audit (also reported to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee) and FES submission to SFC Close partnership with external partners and industry 	plan)	

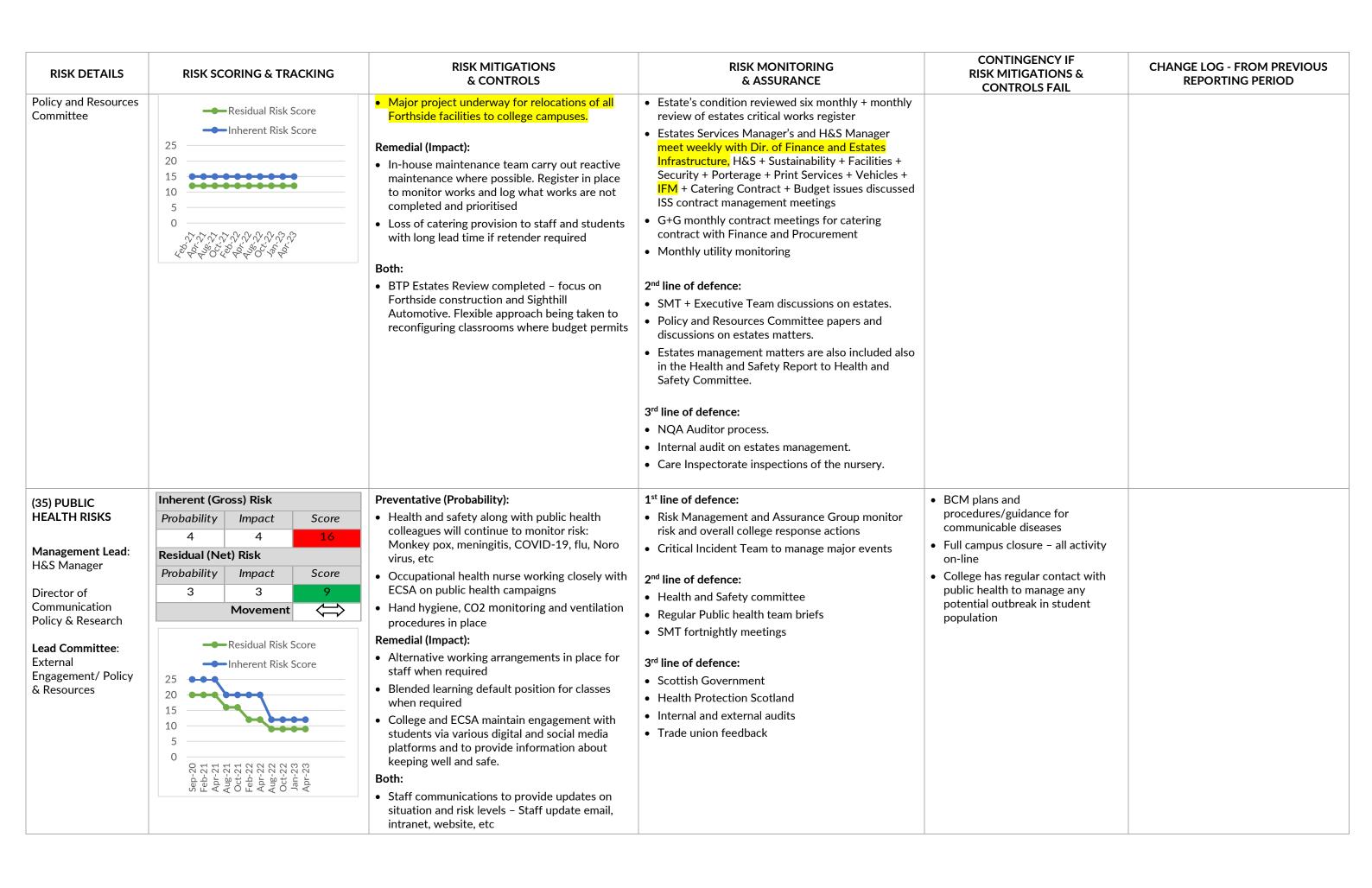
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(24) CYBER SECURITY BREACHES WITHIN THE COLLEGE Management Lead: Chief Operating Officer Digital Infrastructure Service Lead Lead Committee: Policy and Resources Committee	RISK SCORING & TRACKING Inherent (Gross) Risk			RISK MITIGATIONS &	
		 Incident response planning Data recovery systems prioritised (backups) and data recovery if breach occurs Both: 			

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		 Inventory of college systems maintained (dynamic asset management) and preventative controls 			
		Penetration testing undertaken annually			
		Managed Security Operations Centre (SOC)			
		 4th May 2023 – cyber attack rehearsal facilitated by Zurich representative was conducted with internal college stakeholders to step through plans in place and identify further 			
		actions.			
		 Critical system workshops being coordinated with key college stakeholders to develop robust BCM Plans: 			
		 a. iTrent – workshops complete, finalising BCM plan 			
		 b. Unit 4 - workshops complete, finalising BCM plan 			
		c. Unit e - workshops complete, finalising BCM plan			
		d. Moodle/Mahara – workshops to be scheduled			
		e. Promonitor – workshops to be scheduled			
		f. Celcat workshops to be scheduled			
(32) FAILURE TO	Inherent (Gross) Risk	Preventative (Probability):	1 st line of defence:	Monitor effect of activity on	Have not recruited enough full-time
MEET SFC FUNDED ACTIVITY TARGETS	Probability Impact Score 4 5 20	Performance Monitoring cycle – encapsulating ROA targets	 Heads of Faculty, VP, CM and CL (invited) conduct 6wkly performance to monitor targets 	funding and assess exposureAction planning and remedial	students and semester 2 applications are lower than hope for
AND FEES (RECRUITMENT,	Residual (Net) Risk Probability Impact Score	Active engagement at national level via Principal and Chair	 Faculty Operational Plans include ROA and credit targets. 	quality assurance and enhancement	
CREDITS, SAAS AND FEE INCOME)	4 4 16 Movement	Develop a more unified response with other colleges using College Scotland	 Monthly meetings between COO and Head of Finance. 		
Management Lead: VP Education & Skills	Residual Risk Score	 Increase volume of lobbying with MSPs to promote needs of college. 	 Annual assurance statements including financial control, references. 		
VP Innovation	Inherent Risk Score	 Maintaining up to date financial regulations as well as policies and procedures. 	 Regular meetings with regional outcome agreement manager 		
Planning &	25		Regular meetings with Education Scotland		
Performance	15	Remedial (Impact):	and line of defenses		
	10	 More detailed budgeting and reporting now in place to align staff and overhead budgets to 	 2nd line of defence: MIS quality checks on credit delivery. 		
Lead Committee : Policy and Resources	5 —	prioritised services	 VP Education and Skills meetings with all Heads of 		
Committee	22 22 23 23 23 24 24 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	Monthly focus on cost control with regular,	Faculty to review ROA + credit delivery.		
	Jan-, Apr-, Sep-, Sep-, Sep-, Apr-, Aug-, Jan-, Jan-, Apr-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap-, Ap	clear communications with all staff on financial	Faculty Operational Plan performance meetings.		
		position seeking support in reconciling adverse position	 VP Education and Skills reports to Policy and Resources Committee on credit delivery 		
		 Financial systems, processes and procedures updated in areas where SFC guidance has had an effect, eg, budgeting and forecasting 	 ROA and SFC target reporting presented to SMT and Academic Council 		
		an errect, eg, buugeting and forecasting	Tri-partite engagement with SFC/Education Scotland		

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		 Reconciliation of SFC guidance changes and allocation letters with monthly SFC Returns and Cash Flow Forecasts 	 Monitoring by Education Scotland of progress against actions agreed in the Edinburgh College Enhancement Plan 		
		 Wider acceptance of financial targets across the SMT, to ensure focus remains on achieving financial targets including alternative income streams if targets not forecast to be achieved Further guidance from SFC has provided more flexibility around the allocation of credits Both: Analysis of short-term contracts that lead to break-even/negative funding for the college 	 SFC guidance for the development of College Outcome Agreements 2018-19 to 2020-2021 to be implemented 3rd line of defence: Annual internal FES audit (also reported to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee) and FES submission to SFC. Scottish Government CPA self-evaluation process. 		
		 Closer working between Finance/HR /Procurement and Department Heads including training sessions and regular meetings New self-evaluation procedures launched in June 2018, performance against attainment data as key ROA measure and supports staff to consider planning at operational level to improve this Marketing targeted to demographics highlighted in ROA 			
(3) SHORTFALL IN	Inherent (Gross) Risk	Preventative (Probability):	1 st line of defence:	Longer term forecast and targeted	Facilities Hire and Club/Accommodation - limited
Management Lead: VP Corporate Development Director of Enterprise and Knowledge Exchange Lead Committee: External Engagement/ Policy & Resources	Probability Impact Score 4 5 20 Residual (Net) Risk Probability Impact Score 3 5 15 Movement Residual Risk Score Inherent Risk Score 25 20 15 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	 Robust sales model (people, product, and systems) in place to achieve income targets New products in development/research phase to anticipate and meet market demand Enhanced utilisation of business intelligence and sector networks to create new opportunities Communication and Marketing teams provide support to commercial team to promote services and partnerships for further income generation Joint ownership of target setting, review processes and increased income streams VP of Corporate Development and Head of Commercial Development roles charged with imprinting new commercial culture across relevant curriculum and support areas of college Better monthly forecast procedures incorporated which allow for higher degree of proactiveness Remedial (Impact): FWDF - The College's ability to plan financially is not helped by the lack of information on funding and in-year allocation. The FWDF Year 6 allocation has yet to be announced. The later the announcement, the greater the likelihood of negative impact in terms of workload and pressure on the team. Director of Enterprise and Knowledge Exchange recently in post and has agreed to support a further review of all income streams, costing models and forecasting processes to improve transparency and create a forensic approach to income review 	 Commercial income targets set annually as part of budget setting process Monthly reporting to Exec and SMT 6 weekly monitoring process to be put in place in line with updated reporting structure Quarterly reporting to Corporate Development Committee and BoM. 2nd line of defence: Quarterly reporting of commercial income and forecast figures to Senior Management Team, Executive Team and Corporate Development committee Corporate Development Committee oversight of international contracts VP of Corporate Development leads working group set up to workshop ideas and push college to more agile/proactive with commercially driven opportunities 3rd line of defence: Internal audit report on commercial activity. Scottish Government Procurement Capability Assessment self-evaluation process. 	 approach to setting commercial focus External training associate's costs used to partly service income Actions to reduce costs associated with any reductions in Commercial Income A range of Program for Government funded recovery programmes are under design and we expect to be able to deliver some of these, which is an alternative source of income. These are being actively pursued. CRM live and ongoing use development Innovation funding alternative funding streams being pursued. Development of new Commercial strategy to ensure contingency plans in place to deal with risk occurrence. Associated UK/International/Apprentice action plans to be incorporated to ensure focus and achievement of targets to be introduced for 2022-2025. SFC review will impact on planning and budgeting for alternative funding activities. 	numbers due to COVID restrictions Programme for gov funding has come in form of credits not revenue therefore will not assist with commercial income There seems to be some doubt cast on the guarantee of continued FWDF funding, this will become clearer as budget confirmed. Updated reporting structures in progress to capture all income for transparent monitoring.

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		 Partnerships with business, colleges and universities strengthened to build sustainable income platforms Diversified income streams to minimise reliance on any single source Flexible delivery model to ensure capacity (use of both in-house and external training associates) Costing review project which will highlight any contractual concerns – SLA review underway: Direct SDS contract and engine dept. other faculty to be completed end Oct/start Nov 2019. Deep dive session in new year with corporate development committee (BOM) to discuss SLA costing review New Business Development Strategy in process of being signed off. New Engagement Strategy in consultation process which will include focus Business Engagement plan to support Commercial growth ambitions. 			
(25) FINEABLE BREACH OF THE G.D.P.R OR P.E.C.R Management Lead: VP of Corporate Development Director of Communication Policy & Research Lead Committee: Policy and Resources Committee	Inherent (Gross) Risk Probability Impact Score 4 5 20 Residual (Net) Risk Probability Impact Score 3 4 12 Movement Residual Risk Score Inherent Risk Score 25 20 15 10 5 0	 Preventative (Probability): Data Protection Handbook published collegewide February 2021 containing guidance on data sharing, verifying ID, secure send via email, & referral of legal data protection requests to DP Team. EC laptop encryption complete on all known devices. Data Protection Policy co-designed with DPO; published on internet, intranet and embedded in mandatory staff data protection training. Mandatory staff GDPR training on Moodle Staff zone 'Tech Tuesdays' Cyber Security essentials training modules issued to all staff each Tuesday to improve cyber security awareness. Full information asset audit completed January 2020 - SMT assigned ownership of EC Info Assets & providing security classifications Nov 2020 onwards. DPO delivered data protection impact assessment training to middle managers (via OD) three times - now a mandatory training session. Dedicated data protection inbox created for staff - single point of reporting/email address for data protection issues. 	 1st line of defence: Dedicated Information Management manager in post to monitor compliance Information Governance Group established: DPO and CISO are members. OD monthly reports to managers on GDPR training uptake Co-Sharing of common documentation by Scottish College through SCIGG 2nd line of defence: Data Protection Officer in post via HEFESTIS Shared Service: reviewing and actively contributing to college GDPR work and provides independent internal audit and advisory role GDPR update to SMT on by-request basis 3rd line of defence: Internal audit on GDPR compliance (BDO) 	Breach escalation to Director of Communication Policy and Research for assessment and determination of further escalation to Executive team for strategic level oversight	Risk score reviewed by information manager and confirmed to be accurate Reference added to all-staff Tech Tuesday's cyber security training modules. Mandatory staff GDPR training on Moodle Staff zone (81% as at Jan 2023) Implementing automated reminders from iTrent when courses are due to expire

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		All BDO GDPR audit actions closed October 2021.			
		 College has embedded GDPR-standard student privacy notices; and PECR-standard direct marketing consents, within application & enrolment process. 			
		 College has deployed employee, and job applicant, privacy notices on college website privacy page. 			
		 Data capture on website is compliant Participation within FE GDPR collaborative group (SCIGG) to share college sector approaches to GDPR compliance: 			
		 College website cookie permissions updated to GDPR and E-Privacy Regulation compliant standard 			
		 Updated staff contracts issued August 2018 containing DPO-approved GDPR/data protection clauses. 			
		 Contracted/part-time workers provided statutory compliance information booklet, which includes key data protection instructions/guidance 			
		 Remedial (Impact): Single point of reporting/email address for data protection and data breach issues: weekend out-of-hours breach reporting cover provided by Information Manager. 			
		Data Protection Officer support available out of hours via HEFESTIS shared DPO service			
		Integrated Action Plan encompassing outstanding data protection, information security and records management compliance requirements developed and being monitored by FC Information Company of Company (ICC).			
		 by EC Information Governance Group (IGG). Data Sharing Agreements being developed with key external partners to reduce likelihood of breach and to reduce fines in event of breach involving 3rd parties Formal Data Breach Reporting Procedure approved by SMT and issued to staff via College Update/available on college website privacy page. 			
3) COLLEGE	Inherent (Gross) Risk	Preventative (Probability):	1 st line of defence:	Align decisions on future	
TATE FRASTRUCTURE OT ALIGNED TO EET BUSINESS	Probability Impact Score 3 5 15 Residual (Net) Risk Probability Impact Score	 Planned maintenance programme in place for statutory compliance Curriculum review to take account of Estates requirements and lack of funding to make 	Critical works register in place to monitor outstanding works and monthly maintenance register to monitor works progress against budget availability	curriculum to enable estates to review requirements and plan for necessary changes as part of the connect groups	
nagement Lead: tates Managers	3 4 12 Movement	 significant changes Future planning for Motor Vehicle facilities at Sighthill/Midlothian; and Construction facilities to replace Forthside 	 KPI's in operational plans for Estates Staff roles designed to manage Estate's compliance Estate's strategy and capital funding allocation prioritised and agreed by the SMT 	 Estate's incident management process and business continuity plans G&G contract now reduced to minimal service 	
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CONTINGENCY IF RISK MITIGATIONS RISK MONITORING CHANGE LOG - FROM PREVIOUS RISK DETAILS RISK SCORING & TRACKING RISK MITIGATIONS & & CONTROLS & ASSURANCE **REPORTING PERIOD CONTROLS FAIL** • Consider development of policy on Preventative (Probability): 1st line of defence: WF Plan being updated to take account (27) WORKFORCE Inherent (Gross) Risk retraining displaced staff rather of £3.6m-£5.7m savings to be made **PLANNING AND** Probability Impact Score • Workforce development plan now active • Staff analytics monthly reports to Heads of School than recruiting new staff currently under review by COO and **DEVELOPMENT** • Monthly meetings with managers by HR and Support Managers 3 4 12 Consider alternative employment Exec as part of EC People launch Partners to review key employee management • Management of establishment against budget Residual (Net) Risk models where feasible - ongoing Management Lead: information including retirements, vacancies, • Regular reviews of progress against operational Probability Impact Score Director of HR & OD turnover, absence (16) plan objectives for OD team with HRD. Draft people strategy being reviewed in 3 3 (HRD) Monthly meeting between HR advisors and Middle line with new College Strategic Aims and \Leftrightarrow Movement managers (curriculum and support staff) to review launch of EC People campaign Remedial (Impact): **Lead Committee:** establishment vacancy, workforce planning, staff Policy and Resources ---- Residual Risk Score wellbeing and OD Both: Committee Joint LNC meetings to develop employment ■ Inherent Risk Score • Greater scrutiny of vacancy control and staff policies 25 deployment has been implemented 20 Robust process and procedures in place to track 2nd line of defence: 15 vacancies against budget • Regular reviews with progress and issues in HR & OD between COO and HRD. • SMT and Executive Team discussions and reports on workforce planning, OD, and staff wellbeing. • HR reports to Policy and Resources Committee and SMT on workforce planning. 3rd line of defence: • Internal audit: Workforce & Establishment Management was carried out in 2022 and some actions for improvement were noted. 1st line of defence: Preventative (Probability): • Enforcement of H&S management Inherent (Gross) Risk (15) **HEALTH &** • Reactive date (e.g., accident/incident reports) systems and procedures for **SAFETY NON-**Probability **Impact** Score • Corporate policies and procedures in place. monitored to identify and correct procedural area/department. COMPLIANCE 3 4 12 • Document control tracker maintained deficiencies • Immediate implementation of any Residual (Net) Risk • Mandatory training requirements in place for all Management Lead: Operational planning required local or organisation-wide **Probability** staff **Impact** Score **Chief Operating** deviation from procedure as short- Annual review of H&S policy; maximum review 8 • Communications support to ensure staff 2 4 Officer term control timeframe for procedures is 3 years understand compliance responsibilities \iff Movement • Formal review and consultation on • All new or significantly altered policies and **H&S Manager** H&S documentation to be implemented and need for procedural procedures sent for consultation (H&S Committee. maintained by Faculty/Function heads or Residual Risk Score change/update. management, relevant staff) and all feedback Lead Committee: nominated managers recorded Dependent on outcome, ■ Inherent Risk Score Policy and Resources implement corrective actions 25 • H&S Committee in place with engagement of staff Committee Remedial (Impact): and unions 20 • Early detection of risk/s and resolve quickly and 15 efficiently. 2nd line of defence: 10 Ongoing monitoring of budget availability to carry Both: out reactive work with H&S implications and reporting to SMT/Executive 3rd line of defence: • Programme of internal and external audits in place



Business Continuity Management Plan – Adverse Weather

The following information details the actions that should be taken to respond to the loss of and recovery of the prescribed business function

Plan owner: Chief Operating Officer

Plan scope:

Corporate level plan (whole college)
Operational level plan (key business area)

Initial incident response information:

Duty Security to carry out assessment of conditions at campus around 7am in-line with Met office and Council weather warnings. If Security unable to travel to campus, they must contact Estates Services/s ASAP to advise.

- https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/severe-weather
- https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/Mobile security to review conditions of routes between campuses during patrols.

From information received from Security, if campus conditions are poor/not accessible the Estates Services Manager's will contact Executive team as per the Critical Incident Management Policy and Procedure to advise that campus should be closed.

Ac	tior	ns	Responsible
	A.	ESTATES & HEALTH AND SAFETY	
1.		curity team to assess conditions of campus throughout the day and keep Estates Services Managers informed.	Estates Services Manager/s
	a)	routes to assembly areas and all final escape doors to be cleared of snow and checked that they can open fully before the building is occupied	Security Team
	b)	all access routes to be gritted if icy conditions	
	c)	dynamic risk assessment to be carried out on: weight loading of snow, unsecured items during high winds, drying of internal floors when wet to prevent slips and outdoor activities	

 Notify ISS of closure period - ISS on call engineer available 24/7 States Serving Manager/s Alarm company to be notified and if possible, monitor intruder and fire alarms 24/7 and notify Estate's managers and Security staff of any issues Evening/Night security to change from onsite guarding to key holder response (ISS) Site dependant Estates Serving Manager/s ISS Soft Serving Manager Implement Estates Operational BCM plan for campus estates and utilities during closure and contact dependent agencies: a) waste collection and disposal b) drainage/sewerage, electricity, gas, and water core services c) delivery services and suppliers 	ces
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6. If closure exceeds two weeks and CIM Team has agreed that no site/campus access is possible/allowed: Estates Servi Manager/s	ces
a) review heating and agree if it will be turned off	
b) legionella flushing to be carried out	
c) agree if club pool should be drained with Club manager	
7. Should damage to college estates occur: Estates Servi Manager/s	ces
a) make all necessary safety measures to ensure there is no threat of harm to persons still on site Health and S.	afety
b) make all necessary arrangements to minimise further damage from occurring	
c) contact College insurer to advise of situation – insurer may send loss adjuster to assess damage once site is safe to attend. Asset lists may be needed for insurance.	
B. COMMUNICATIONS	
Agree messaging and method of communications from the below: CIM Team	
a) email templates that can be used for students, staff and a) Comms to	eam
b) direct txt messages (check/update TxtTools database) b) HR, Stude Records,	&
c) call staff and students directly	
d) update main college phoneline switchboard with messaging	lanagers
d) IT & Com team	ıms

2.	Deploy wider college comms regarding site/campus closure including continuity of teaching/learning & working arrangements, (if possible) approx. timeframes for site/campus closure, etc:	Communications Manager
	a) Update website	
	b) Update social media channels	
	c) Send All Staff email	
	d) Send All Student email	
	e) Media messaging (if agreed required)	
3.	Contact CMs and support managers to advise of adverse weather conditions and provide instructions as outlined in section G and H	SMT
4.	Contact Room Bookings staff to advise of campus closure and to (if possible and requested) find alternative room arrangements for classes.	CIM Team
	(If necessary) Reference MOU agreement if alternative learning/teaching location can be utilised	
	C. CLUB & HALLS OF RESIDENCE (GRANTON & MILTON)	
1.	Liaise with Milton Halls/Club Manager and Granton Halls Manager to implement BCM plan for Halls of Residence and Club	Milton/Granton - Estates Services Manager
2.	Contact all Halls and Club staff to advise of adverse weather conditions and provide instructions	Milton Halls/Club Manager
	Note: these instructions may differ from overall instructions delivered through college communications	Granton Halls Manager
3.	Club manager to put in place Adverse Weather Communications Plan:	Milton Halls/Club
	a) Contact Club members	Manager
	b) Update Club bookings system, Facebook and other social media platforms controlled by the Club	
	c) Contact suppliers to advise of situation and if necessary, make alternative arrangements	
4.	Contact halls suppliers to advise of situation and if necessary, make alternative arrangements	Milton Halls/Club Manager
		Granton Halls Manager
5.	If some staff or students are on site and cannot leave due to the weather, Heads of School will need to make arrangements to keep them on site and explore availability of temporary accommodation should there be a requirement for overnight stay with Halls Managers in the first instance	School Heads Milton Halls/Club Manager

		Granton Halls Manager	
	D. RESTAURANTS AND HAIR & BEAUTY SALONS		
1.	Put in place Adverse Weather Communications Plan: a) Contact bookings to advise of closure and cancel/reschedule b) Update Facebook and other social media platforms controlled by Restaurants/Salons	School Heads	
2.	Contact suppliers to advise of closure and where possible make alternative arrangements / reschedule	School Heads	
	E. NURSERY (Granton Campus)		
1.	Liaise with Nursery Manager to advise of campus closure	Director of Communication, Policy and Research Estates Services Manager/s	
2.	Contact all nursery staff to advise of adverse weather conditions and provide instructions Note: these instructions may differ from overall instructions delivered through College communications	Nursery Manager	
3.	Contact parents/guardians to advise of adverse weather conditions and instructions	Nursery Manager	
	F. COFFEE SHOPS		
1.	Liaise with G&G Catering Manager to advise of campus closure	Estates Services Manager/s	
	G. CURRICULUM		
1.	(During L&T open hours) Contact contract bus to advise of early campus closing and agree an earlier pick up for students. (Opito students only)	School Heads	
2.	Advise all curriculum staff to contact students and implement remote working procedures and/or liaise with Room Bookings team to find alternative working arrangements during campus closure	School Heads	
3.	(During or nearing exam time) Inform SQA Liaison Manager of site closure and next steps. Note: The SQA has measures in place to support candidates and centres in the event of a critical incident occurring just before or very close to an exam: in previous years, the Exceptional Circumstances	CIM Team SQA Liaison Manager	

Consideration Service* has been applicable in situations where candidates have been prevented from sitting an exam(s) in their presenting centre. *2023 Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service is still being developed. The Guide for SQA Coordinators 2022-23 will be updated when this information is available.		
4. (During or nearing exam time) If "Best grade" is agreed with SQA inform curriculum staff to start predictive grading of students	SMT (Curriculum)	
H. SUPPORT STAFF		
Middle Managers to contact staff to discuss remote working procedures and/or alternative working arrangements during campus closure	Middle Managers	
I. EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS		
Contact key external stakeholders that have been identified via the relevant area's Business Impact Assessment of College closure	SMT Middle Managers	
Note: Contact details of external stakeholders are held by the relevant area	School Heads	
J. BACS PAYMENTS/COLLECTIONS		
1. Make sure that staff required to provide information for BACS payments/collections and those that are required to approve payments have access to systems offsite.	Middle managers	
This includes:		
a) Student Experience for student funding payments		
b) The Club for Club Direct Debit collections		
Finance for payroll, supplier payments, and tuition fee direct debit collections. These are all payments/collections required to be made on specific dates which will be affected by any campus closures.		

Appendix 1 - Critical Incident Management Team Membership and Roles

Gold	Silver	Bronze	Partnership agency leads
Chief Operating Officer	 Sighthill / Midlothian Estates Services Manager 	Milton Halls/Club ManagerGranton Halls Manager	Contract bus service (OPITO students)Insurer - Zurich

 Granton / Milton Estates Services Manager Health and Safety Manager 	 Communications Manager BCP Plan, Event & Action log – Portfolio Manager Staff co-ordination - SMT 	
	SMT	

Appendix 2 - Strategic intent statement

- 1. To protect the health, wellbeing and safety of our students, staff, customers, and College visitors
- 2. Coordinate any messages the College is releasing to students, staff, and other stakeholders
- 3. To ensure continuation of learning, teaching and assessment for our students so that disruption to their student experience is minimised
- 4. To ensure the security and wellbeing of College buildings and estates

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Title	Data Breach Incident and Cyber Attack Update - May 2023
Appendices	None
Disclosable under	Yes
FOISA	
Primary Contact	Nick Croft, Director of Communication, Policy & Research
Date of Production	02.05.23
Action Required	Information

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Audit & Risk Assurance Committee are asked to note the update provided.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a summary of *reportable* data breach incidents within Edinburgh College for the reporting period from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023 (Quarter 3).

3. INCIDENTS

There were <u>no reportable data breach incidents</u> in this reporting period (reportable data breach incidents being defined as personal data breaches of sufficient seriousness to require notification of the Information Commissioner's Office).

4. IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

To monitor any trends that may occur and assess (where possible) areas of potential risk. Further to this, the report for remedial actions to be implemented to ensure the college meets legal compliance.

Monitoring and carrying out investigations ensures that the college is operating in compliance with data protection legislation.

5. LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN AND KPIs

The activities and key priorities described in this report are linked to the strategic aim to be 'An Effective and Efficient College'.