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Dear Ronnie and Andy,

### **Implementation of recommendations in SFC report 'Review of Regional Strategic Bodies – Lanarkshire Board'**

I am writing in connection with the plans to make certain changes to the New College Lanarkshire governance arrangements, particularly in relation to the membership of board committees. These changes are designed to support the transition from the current regional governance arrangements, as recommended in our report, 'Review of Regional Strategic Bodies – Lanarkshire Board'.

We discussed these changes in earlier meetings with you and they are consistent with actions in the Transition Plan developed collaboratively with SFC and agreed by the Lanarkshire Board in December 2020.

In summary, the plan is that:

- South Lanarkshire College members of New College Lanarkshire committees will cease to be members of these committees.
- To maintain sufficient oversight of South Lanarkshire College performance during the transition phase, South Lanarkshire College will provide an

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augmented report to meeting of the board of New College Lanarkshire (operating as the Regional Strategic Body).

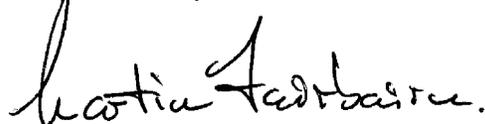
The Scottish Funding Council's locus in relation to institutional governance flows from the requirements of the Further & Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005, the key elements of which are:

- A requirement for institutions to have suitable provision in relation to governance and management.
- A requirement on institutions to comply, as a condition of grant, with principles of good governance (which, in practice, are defined as the college sector code of good governance).

Fundamentally, the purpose of these requirements is to ensure that the public funds provided by us to institutions are properly managed and are used effectively and efficiently to support delivery of our and Scottish Ministers' policy objectives for further and higher education.

In that context, I can confirm that we have no objections to the plans described above.

Yours sincerely,



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