CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE TO THE PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE, DATED 7 JULY 2015

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Dear Mr Williams

Public Audit Committee 10 June 2015
Auditor General for Scotland Report - Scotland’s Colleges 2015

Further to my appearance at the Public Audit Committee on 10 June 2015 and your subsequent letter dated 12 June, please find below the following information as requested:

1. City of Glasgow College (CoGC)/GCRB Costings:

   The expected cost of running of the Glasgow Colleges’ Regional Board for the year 2015/16 is £300,000, presently estimated to be equally split between the 3 Glasgow colleges (CoGC, Glasgow Kelvin College and Glasgow Clyde College), however our final share of the overall figure has not in fact been finalised as we may have to bear the largest financial burden being the largest College in Glasgow.

2. Overall Reduction in Part-time Student Numbers since CoGC Creation in 2010

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3. **Staff Absence Rate as % over 4 Years from 2011/12 to 2014/15**

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Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul GK Little  
Principal & Chief Executive
Dear Mr Little,

I am writing on behalf of the Public Audit Committee to thank you for the oral evidence you gave to the Committee on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled Scotland’s colleges 2015 at its meeting on 10 June 2015.

You should receive an electronic transcript of the evidence given to the Committee from the Official Report, allowing you to examine it for factual errors. A copy of the Official Report is available on the Scottish Parliament’s web page at: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/publicaudit

Please find enclosed a witness feedback form. I would be grateful if you could complete and return the form via email or you can request a pre-paid envelope to be provided.

During your evidence session, you committed to write to the Committee with the exact cost to City of Glasgow College of contributing to the running of the Glasgow Colleges’ Regional Board. You also committed to providing further details of the overall reduction in part time student numbers at your college since the creation of City of Glasgow College and the staff absence rate as a percentage over the four years from 2011/12 to 2014/15. The Committee would welcome this information by Friday 10 July 2015.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

Thomas Williams
Committee Assistant
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