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**Colleges Scotland's Comment on the Student Support Funding Review**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland welcomes the review of student support funding and the appointment of Jayne-Anne Gadhia as chair. We are pleased that the review will be undertaken jointly with colleges and universities to ensure that fairness, equity and transparency is at the heart of the system and students can access the funds they need in good time.

“We want a standard and fair system for student support funding that provides students with adequate financial support, as well as reasonable certainty on the support they are likely to receive for the duration of their study. We fully support measures to improve student support funding to ensure that all students can attend college, regardless of their personal circumstances or background.

“Colleges Scotland looks forward to playing an active role in this review to ensure that a standard and fair system of student support funding is implemented across the whole educational landscape in Scotland.”

**ENDS**

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