

DESIGNATING COLLEGES AS REGIONAL COLLEGE AND ASSIGNING COLLEGES TO REGIONAL STRATEGIC BODIES



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

We are inviting written responses by:

22 November 2013 (for questions 1 to 3 – section 2 of the consultation paper)

17 January 2014 (for questions 3 to 8 – section 3 onwards of the consultation paper). The longer timeframe reflects the relatively less straight-forward nature of the questions.

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- (a)** Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes **No**

- (b)** Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

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Yes **No**

- (d)** We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

No

CONSULTATION PAPER QUESTIONS

Q4. We should welcome comments on Ministers' plans to assign the following colleges to the following regional strategic bodies in Glasgow and the Highlands and Islands.

Colleges Scotland is content to support this proposal, which is in line with the published plans for the colleges in the Highlands and Islands and Glasgow regions to date.

Q5. Should colleges be assigned to UHI as set out in Table 2 in May 2014?

No

Colleges Scotland view is consistent with the colleges of Perth, Moray and Inverness, as well as the FE Regional Board, that a date of August would be more suitable for the colleges to be assigned to the Regional Strategic Body.

Q6. Should colleges be assigned to the Regional Board for Glasgow Colleges in August 2014?

Yes

This appears to be an achievable date to aim for which would be in line with the 2014/15 Academic Year. Colleges Scotland would anticipate that there will be work in the region ahead of the official assignation date towards making the change a successful transition for the start of that term. On the date itself, Colleges Scotland sees the date of assignation as less important than ensuring that all the necessary preparations have taken place that allow the regional board and its colleges to understand and undertake their new duties effectively.

Q7. We should welcome comments on whether the matters covered in questions 4 to 6 raise any equalities issues that require to be addressed with respect to age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

We are not aware of any equality issues that arise from the designation of the stated incorporated colleges as assigned colleges on the noted dates.

As part of the move towards populating the boards of the colleges, we believe it is important that colleges and regional boards be supported in achieving diversity and would welcome the views of the Scottish Government on how it will support the sector in that ambition.

Q8. Should Ministers proceed with the establishment of the Regional Board for Lanarkshire Colleges?

Yes No

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q9. If Ministers do proceed with the establishment of the Regional Board for Lanarkshire Colleges, should they assign New College Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire College to it?

Yes No

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q10. As an alternative to proceeding with the establishment of the Regional Board for Lanarkshire Colleges, should Ministers make New College Lanarkshire a regional strategic body, designate it as a regional college and assign South Lanarkshire College to it as a regional strategic body?

Yes No

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q11. What would be the relative advantages and disadvantages of New College Lanarkshire carrying out regional strategic body functions?

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q12. If New College Lanarkshire were to be designated as a regional strategic body, should its powers to require the transfer staff, property etc. under section 230 of the 2005 Act be the same as those of a Regional Board?

Yes No

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q13. Should August 2014 be the month that Ministers seek to assign either (a) New College Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire College to the Regional Board for Lanarkshire Colleges or (b) make New College Lanarkshire a regional strategic body, designate it as a regional college and assign South Lanarkshire College to it as a regional strategic body?

Yes No

This is an issue which we believe would best be considered and responded to by the aforementioned region. For this reason, Colleges Scotland will not be taking a view.

Q14. We should welcome comments on whether the matters covered in questions 8 to 13 raise any equalities issues that require to be addressed with respect to age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

We are not aware of any equality issues that arise from the designation of the stated incorporated colleges as assigned colleges or regional boards on the noted dates.

As part of the move towards populating the boards of the colleges, we believe it is important that colleges and regional boards be supported in achieving diversity and would welcome the views of the Scottish Government on how it will support the sector in that ambition.

Please note that the deadline for responses 4 to 14 is **17 January 2014**.

If responding separately to questions 1 to 3 and questions 4 to 14, please ensure that your name, consent details etc. are sent on each occasion.

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