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**Comment on the Appointment of Nora Senior as Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Board**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland welcomes the appointment of Nora Senior as the Chair of the Enterprise and Skills Board.

“The benefits of having an overarching Enterprise and Skills Board will not only strengthen the progress that colleges have already made in relation to aligning skills to business need, developing processes which put the learners at the heart and the sharing of best practice but will also support the development of Scotland’s enterprise and skills landscape. This will ensure greater coherence, with the ability to react to the changing needs of learners and employers, increase productivity and enhance economic performance.

“Scotland’s colleges are the key deliverer of the skilled workforce needed to work in a modern economy. Their focus on skills and process innovation through delivery and design, industry engagement and the transfer of skills and knowledge exchange, ultimately benefits Scotland’s wider economic ambitions.

“Colleges in Scotland will continue to have a vital role to play as we enter the implementation phase following the Enterprise and Skills Review and we look forward to working closely with Nora and the new Strategic Board as they take forward the recommendations of the Review.”

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