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Comment on the Flexible Workforce Development Fund Launch

Commenting on the launch of the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“This initiative will help build skills, growth, equality of opportunity and productivity in the workplace, and I am delighted that it will be delivered through Scotland’s college sector.”

“Scotland’s colleges already play a vital role in working with employers to meet the demand of the labour market by successfully developing and delivering work-based skills and producing skilled, qualified workers across all sectors. Our partnerships with business means that we understand the needs of employers, and can work effectively with them to identify their specific requirements and how these can best be met. The Flexible Workforce Development Fund is a significant and welcome addition to this partnership working.

“The flexible approach of colleges and the ability of the college sector to adapt and respond quickly to changing demands have been recognised. Colleges are in a strong position to meet the requirements for delivery of this fund in the current academic year. This flexibility coupled with the robust quality assurance that underpins college provision will contribute significantly to the successful, efficient delivery of the fund through the college sector.

“We are looking forward to working with employers to meet their needs both locally and nationally, prioritise provision that meets known skills gaps in the economy and support the drive for inclusive, sustainable growth.”

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