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**Comment on the Student Support Review report, published today**

Commenting on the Student Support Review report Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland welcomes the review of Student Support in Scotland, and is proud to have contributed to the work of the review over the past year. We want to see 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.

“As the recommendations from the review are considered, it will be vital to ensure that any changes to the student support review are carefully implemented and communicated with nuance to ensure that individuals are empowered and enabled to make informed decisions on funding their studies.

“The report proposes a radical rethink on how student support is awarded, reflecting the public investment into post-school education and the positive impact on society of having a well-educated and skilled workforce. As the Scottish Government considers its response to the recommendations laid out in the review, Colleges Scotland will ensure that we are a proactive partner in supporting the delivery of a vastly improved student support system, with equity and fairness at its core.”

**ENDS**

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**Notes:**

- The Student Support Review is published today and available from the [Scottish Government website](#)