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Comment on the Draft Scottish Budget 2018/19

Commenting on the Draft Scottish Budget announced today, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“We welcome that funding is being made available to cover the cost of National Bargaining for 2018/19. This is a significant financial commitment by the Scottish Government. We are also pleased that there will be additional capital funding which will be used to fund the existing commitment to upgrade one specific campus and allow colleges to carry out essential maintenance.

“However, other than National Bargaining costs, the budget presents a flat cash settlement for the sector in cash terms. Finances will continue to be tight, and colleges will have to carefully consider how to make the best use of the resources available for the coming year to ensure that they can continue to deliver the professional, technical and vocational skills and training required for a strong and sustainable economy, without impacting on the quality of the learner experience.”

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