



## **Scottish Funding Council's College Sector Estates Condition Survey**

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Commenting on the Scottish Funding Council's College Sector Estates Condition Survey, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland acknowledges the investment that has already been made in the college estate, however, conditions of campuses are not consistent across Scotland with some requiring significant investment.

“The survey estimates that £360m of work is required over the next five years to bring the college estate to a generally sound (wind and watertight) condition. However, it does not take into account any costs required to make buildings fit-for-purpose or flexible to changing curriculums or provision. Students require a modern environment in which to study, learn and gain the skills required for the workplace. Increased capital investment would, therefore, not only significantly benefit the learner experience, leading to improved retention and attainment, but would also allow colleges to contribute fully to Scottish Government priorities.

“We will continue to work with the Scottish Funding Council and Scottish Government on the wider college sector estate development on the run up to the Budget Bill in February 2018 to ensure that there is adequate investment across the whole college estate going forward.”

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