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Colleges Scotland and College Development Network announce governance changes

The boards of Colleges Scotland and College Development Network have reviewed the structures of both organisations and identified the governance and operational changes required in order for them to respond more effectively to the regionalisation of the college sector.

Colleges Scotland and College Development Network will continue to work closely together but there will be a clear differentiation between their aims, objectives and leadership.

Colleges Scotland will continue to be the representative, campaigning organisation of the college sector and its constituent regions. It will also take on responsibility for implementing and managing the national pay bargaining process.

The Colleges Scotland board membership will comprise the chairs from all of the 13 regional colleges/strategic bodies together with four college principals nominated by their peers. The Rt. Hon. Henry McLeish will continue as chair of the board.

College Development Network will focus on improving training delivery and professional development within the college sector and identifying opportunities for further internal and external growth. One of the existing external directors, Paul Houlden, has become chair of the board and will lead the change process.

John Henderson, the joint chief executive of Colleges Scotland and College Development Network will step down from his role at the end of June 2014.

Recruitment of the new heads of both organisations will commence by the end of May.

Quotes:

Henry McLeish:

“These are the next steps in the process of modernising the governance and operation of the college sector. This change will enable Colleges Scotland to play a stronger role in influencing Scotland’s educational future.”

“I’d like to thank John Henderson for his role in supporting the sector through the reforms of the past two years.”

Paul Houlden

“The changes announced today will help us to increase the level of support to the college sector through the current transition process and beyond.”

John Henderson

“With the successful implementation of the college regionalisation reforms and the consequential changes to the governance and structure of Colleges Scotland and College Development Network, the time is right for me to leave as chief executive at the end of June.

“The college sector is in a strong position, having responded positively to the Scottish Government’s agenda and to the needs of learners, local communities and business. I am proud that Colleges Scotland and College Development Network have supported the sector through this process.”

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