

**Written submission from Glasgow Kelvin College to the Public Audit Committee, dated 16 June 2014**

***The 2012/13 Audit of North Glasgow College: Governance and Financial Stewardship***

As you are aware the Board of Glasgow Kelvin College, as a consequence of merger, has received the Auditor General's report on Governance and Financial Stewardship at North Glasgow College for academic / financial year 2012/13. While this matter does not relate directly to corporate governance at Glasgow Kelvin College the Board is committed to providing the Public Audit Committee with the information which it has requested.

As a consequence at the Audit Committee held on 5 June 2014 members agreed to commission Scott Moncrieff (the College's external auditors appointed by Audit Scotland) to undertake an additional task to:

- i) further review the voluntary severance arrangements made for two senior staff at the former North Glasgow College;
- ii) further review the operation of the Remuneration Committee at the former North Glasgow College;
- iii) provide further information on why all the costs of the severance packages were not initially identified.

The scope of this task was agreed with Chris Brown of Scott Moncrieff and Mark MacPherson of Audit Scotland.

It is anticipated that this task will require Scott Moncrieff to conduct interviews with the former Chair, Principal and Clerk to the Board of North Glasgow College and members of the Remuneration Committee of that Board.

Due to the fact that many of the key people no longer are engaged with Glasgow Kelvin College and the upcoming summer vacation period it has been agreed that Scott Moncrieff will complete this task by mid-September 2014. I have discussed this timeframe with Ms Jane Williams, Clerk to the Committee, and she indicated that this was likely to be acceptable.

For your information I wish to inform you that the Board of Glasgow Kelvin College will consider a report on actions required by the Public Audit Committee at its meeting scheduled for 23 June 2014. In addition it will review the outcome of the Scott Moncrieff report on Governance and Financial Stewardship of North Glasgow College when that becomes available in order to identify if there are any lessons to be learned which would improve still further corporate governance of Glasgow Kelvin College.

I would also wish to restate the commitment of Glasgow Kelvin College to the highest standards of corporate governance. This is evidenced by the approach the Board has taken since 1 November 2013 specifically the Board

has requested both internal and external auditors review all aspects of corporate governance as part of their audit plans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further.

Yours sincerely

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**Principal**

c.c. I Hodgson – Chair, Board of Management  
M Forsyth – Chair, Audit Committee  
C Brown – Scott Moncrieff  
M McPherson – Audit Scotland