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Apologies, the ERDM document is locked, so see our contribution below. You may want to reach out to the New Scot policy colleagues [redacted - section 38(b)] who should be able to provide additional lines.

- Our Culture Strategy sets out our ambition for everyone across Scotland to lead a cultural life of their choice, ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy and contribute to culture, the creative industries and the arts.
- Facilitating access and participation to culture, is central to the artistic purpose of all Scottish Government funded culture bodies and they all share a desire to communicate with as large and diverse an audience as possible.
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- There is a range of programmes we support that ensure everyone can access a cultural life of their choice. For example through:
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Sent: 22 November 2024 10:55
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
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RE Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi all,

Thank you again for contributing to this briefing at such short notice.

Have a good weekend.

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 12:40
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi all,

Briefing pack updated at Annex C with New Scots lines.

Thanks,

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 11:44
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)],

Can you add New Scots lines to the briefing pack please?

Thanks,
[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 11:12
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]

Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi all,

Just copying in the Constitution and External Affairs team who would lead any comms on this, given it is a Mr Robertson visit.

Thanks,
[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 10:18
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)],

Thanks for coming back on that so quickly. And many thanks for contributing to briefing. If you could populate under annex C that would be greatly appreciated. If you are aware of any other teams who would have an interest in contributing to the pack (around cultural provision) I would be very grateful if you could please share the ask or contact details and I can reach out. I have shared the link to the pack below:

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I appreciate it is very short notice – apologies for that we had a very last minute ask yesterday from PO to arrange the visit. I would be grateful if you could let us know if OS might be possible, or if you can confirm it's not then we can consider other options.

Many thanks again,

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 09:33
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College - Monday 25 November

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)]

We can feed into the briefing for the visit in terms of refugee integration work we lead on – can you send on the link to the briefing?

However, this is extremely short notice for us to consider official support for this – please can you send on the details of the visit?

Also copying in our comms for awareness as we are also planning a visit with comms activity in relation to funding that has been given to the College and partners

to increase ESOL provision for refugees and people seeking asylum but this has still to be planned.

Best wishes
[redacted - section 38(b)]

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Many thanks,

[redacted - section 38(b)]

RE Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)]

I've added in top lines on ESOL funding and [redacted - section 38(b)] is looking at it now from a New Scots perspective.

Kind regards

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 22 November 2024 10:41
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)]

I am good thanks, and thank you for coming back to me. I would be grateful if your team could please share briefing around ESOL. If you could populate under annex D that would be greatly appreciated. If you are aware of any other teams who would have an interest in contributing to the pack I would be very grateful if you could please share the ask or contact details and I can reach out. I have shared the link to the pack below:

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From: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 21 November 2024 16:12
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]

Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,

Hi [redacted - section 38(b)]

I'm fine thanks and I hope you are too.

I don't want to come across as blunt or unhelpful but the short answer is no! I've had no sight on this and, even if it was for my team to lead, I have less than zero resource to take this on. That said, it would seem this is a college based visit rather than community based and, while ESOL will be on the agenda - the focus of work with refugees and cultural provision is broader in scope.

Kind regards

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 21 November 2024 16:03
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: FW: Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,
Importance: High

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Many thanks,

[redacted - section 38(b)]

From: [redacted - section 38(b)]

Sent: 21 November 2024 15:14
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: RE: Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,

Good Afternoon [redacted - section 38(b)]

I contacted the Principal via email and we have managed to rearrange the meetings in his calendar for Monday 25th to accommodate visit from Mr Robertson.

Our [redacted - section 38(b)], is available at that time and would also be delighted to meet with Mr Robertson. The Principal has requested [redacted - section 38(b)] to also join as her remit includes ESOL provision and work with refugees.

Preference would be to meet either at our Cardonald or Langside Campus – can you let me know which would be suitable/preferrable?

Thanks

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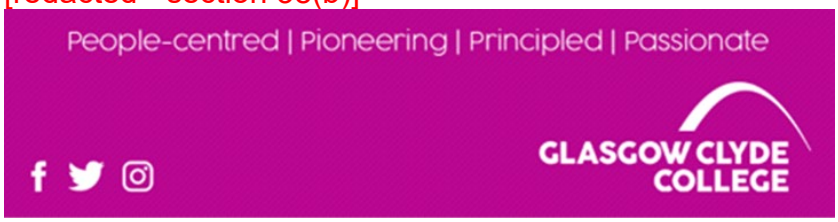

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From [redacted - section 38(b)]
Sent: 21 November 2024 13:46
To: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Cc: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Subject: Possible meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture,

Dear [redacted - section 38(b)]

As discussed, Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, would like to visit Glasgow Clyde College and meet with the Principal to look at your cultural provision and work with refugees. Mr Robertson will be in Glasgow on Monday 25 November and would be grateful if he could visit the College at 14:30 – 15:30, if possible.

I appreciate the short notice of this request and if the Principal was not available, perhaps the Depute Principal could meet in his place.

Please could you let me know if this time and date is suitable and I will work with his private office to arrange.

Many thanks

Best regards

[redacted - section 38(b)]

Briefing – Cabinet Secretary visit to Glasgow Clyde College

What	Meeting with [redacted - section 38(b)] to discuss the College's cultural provision and work with refugees
Where	Glasgow Clyde College – Langside Campus 50 Prospecthill Road Glasgow G42 9LB
When	Monday 25 November, 14:30 -15:30
Key Message(s)	• Delighted to visit the College and see firsthand the positive contributions it is making in relation to cultural provision. • Delighted to have the opportunity to discuss the good work of the College including its work with refugees.
Who	• [redacted - section 38(b)]
Why	An opportunity to discuss the College's cultural provision and work with refugees
Supporting official	[redacted - section 38(b)]
Briefing contents	**Annex A:** Biographies / Agenda **Annex B:** Glasgow Clyde College overview and sensitivities **Annex C:** Refugee integration work **Annex D:** ESOL **Annex E:** Cultural Provision
Media Handling	*N/A*
Social Media	*N/A*
Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival (if event is at a non SE Building)	You will be greeted by [redacted - section 38(b)], Executive PA at the Reception/Student Information on level one (directions from car park below) Contact phone number: [redacted - section 38(b)]
Specific entrance for Ministerial car/parking arrangements	2 X Car Parking Spaces have been reserved at the 1568 Theatre Car Park. As you enter the college there is a barrier. If you press the buzzer the Estates team will allow access. The 1568 Theatre Car Park is half way up the hill on the right hand side. This will bring you into an entrance at level one and the corridor straight ahead brings you to the Reception/Student Information.

ANNEX A

BIOGRAPHIES

[redacted - section 38(b)]

AGENDA

There is no formal agenda, however, the Principal would like to discuss the following:

- **College sector finances and its potential impact on provision for learners with high support needs (inc ESOL and ASL students).**

[redacted - section 30(b)]

ANNEX B

COLLEGE BACKGROUND/ SENSITIVITIES

COLLEGE BACKGROUND (PROVIDED BY SFC)

Glasgow Clyde College (GCC) is one of the largest Further Education providers in Scotland with over 500 full-time and part-time courses to choose from, and is a multi-site college with campuses in Anniesland, Cardonald and Langside.

Access and Participation

- 29.6% of GCC's total Scottish student population are from SIMD10 backgrounds. 7.3% are from care-experienced backgrounds.
- GCC performs well in student satisfaction, with results in the Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey consistently above the sector average.
- College staff undertake training trauma-informed practice to support the College's commitment to developing a nurturing environment. A team of staff are working in partnership with Brothers in Arms, Scotland's first mental health and suicide prevention charity for men, to develop and credit rate an SCQF level 5 programme.

Collaboration

In October 2023, GCC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Glasgow. Underpinning the MoU is a commitment to improve and widen access to opportunities presented by education and job training, which will build on the success of the University's Widening Participation programmes and the College's extensive experience of partnering with employers and other stakeholders to support its students.

Partnerships

- In 2023, GCC was Highly Commended for the CDN Employer Connections Award. GCC is the only college in the UK to offer HNC Occupational Therapy Support (OTS). A unique course has been developed for people who are already working within the NHS in support roles, in order for them to achieve a Level 7 CPD course.

- In May 2024, GCC announced a new partnership with Panasonic, Dumfries and Galloway College and UHI Inverness, to upskill the next generation of heating and plumbing installers with relevant heat pump training. This initiative aims to help decarbonise heating and future-proof homes across Scotland.
- In 2023, GCC worked with Glasgow City Council health and Social Care Partnership to create a new course for learners wishing to pursue a career in social care.

CDN Awards

At the November 2024 CDN College Awards, GCC won the Marketing and Communications category for the Swiftie Masterclass held earlier this year to prepare parents and plus ones ahead of the Taylor Swift concerts at Murrayfield. GCC was also Highly Commended in the Innovation category for the development of the first Level 9 qualification for hairdressers, in partnership with Wella Professional.

SENSITIVITIES

Glasgow and Lanarkshire Regional Boards

Background

- Advice went to Scottish Ministers in March and April with options to proceed with reform of the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Regional Strategic Bodies (RSBs) and to improve regional planning opportunities across these regions.
- On 16 May, the Minister for Higher and Further Education announced in Parliament that SG will proceed to undertake a consultation on the future of the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board and The Lanarkshire Regional Strategic Board, with the preferred option being to dissolve both.
- On 17 June, SG launched a consultation to consider the future of the Glasgow and Lanarkshire RSBs on 17 June, closing on 20 September 2024.
- The consultation has been promoted through SG engagement with stakeholders, via social media and communications to stakeholders.
- In addition to this, officials ran information sessions on 26 August, 2 September and 3 September with attendees from across the sector (including trade unions, student representatives, and college staff and students) to promote the consultation.
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ANNEX C

REFUGEE INTEGRATION WORK

New Scots sets out a vision for a welcoming Scotland where refugees and people seeking asylum are able to rebuild their lives from the day they arrive.

- New Scots is a partnership strategy, developed and led by the Scottish Government, COSLA and the Scottish Refugee Council.
- The key principle of New Scots distinctive approach is to support refugees and people seeking asylum from 'day one' of arrival in Scotland.
- Many of the services which are essential to supporting refugees and people seeking asylum to settle into communities are devolved and are the responsibility of the Scottish Government and Scottish local authorities.
- This includes healthcare, education, legal services and housing; but not asylum accommodation or asylum support which is provided by the Home Office.
- Third sector organisations and community groups also play an important role in Scotland's welcome and long-term integration support.

The third New Scots strategy was published in March 2024. It was developed in partnership by the Scottish Government, COSLA and Scottish Refugee Council and was informed by an engagement process involving over 2,000 refugees and people seeking asylum.

- The refreshed strategy builds on the pioneering and collaborative New Scots approach, to continue to support refugees, people seeking asylum and communities across Scotland.
- We will ensure New Scots continues to be shaped by refugees and people seeking asylum, as well as those with expertise supporting them.
- As part of the strategy development, the New Scots partners undertook engagement to enable both of those groups to inform the strategy refresh.
- Engagement took place in November with sector professionals and refugee leaders.
- The refreshed strategy takes account of a landscape that has changed considerably with new legislation on asylum and largescale relocations and resettlement of people from Afghanistan and Ukraine.
- The development of the strategy was also informed by research and evaluation work undertaken over the last three years through the EU-funded New Scots Refugee Integration Delivery Project.

The New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy: Delivery Plan 2024-2026 was published in July 2024. This contains the actions that New Scots partners will be undertaking to deliver the New Scots refugee integration strategy.

- The responses from the community consultations held across Scotland have helped to shape the Delivery Plan and the actions within it.
- The Delivery Plan outlines specific actions partners will take to deliver the New Scots refugee integration strategy and when they will be undertaken.
- The actions are organised and aligned to the six outcomes of the Strategy.
- The Delivery Plan covers the period from 2024-2026.

- It will be reviewed annually to reflect changing context, new actions required and progress. The first review will be undertaken in summer 2025.
- This year, £500,000 has been made available from Scottish Government's Asylum and Refugee Integration Unit to address the exceptional pressures and increasing levels of need for ESOL provision in Glasgow.
- Evidence of high levels of demand in Glasgow was captured in the recent Independent Review of Community Learning and Development and continues to be tracked through the Glasgow ESOL Access Register.
- Funding has been made available to the Glasgow ESOL Strategy Partnership which consists of Glasgow Clyde College, Glasgow Kelvin College, City of Glasgow College, Glasgow Life, ESOL Scotland and WEA Scotland.

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ANNEX D

ENGLISH SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

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NOTE OF MEETING BETWEEN THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024.

In attendance: [redacted - section 38(b)]

Overview of the College

- 17,000 learners study for qualifications and courses across three campuses, Langside, Cardonald and Anniesland.
- Courses range from journalism to construction and a unique course in building stringed instruments.
- Many subjects are oversubscribed, such as courses in nursing and computing. Other popular subjects include business studies, filming and bio-medical sciences.

There are 1200 members of staff, and the College has an annual turnover of £55m.

The College takes pride in its community-focussed approach, including offering a breakfast to any student who wants one. This is funded through a local philanthropic partnership. They also work with other local partners such as Partick Thistle, Queens Park and Celtic football clubs.

ESOL

It was highlighted that the College is the largest provider of ESOL in Scotland, with 1700 unique ESOL learners from 140 countries. Their delivery includes a trauma-informed approach for care-experienced young people, delivering ESOL in a vocational setting and an ESOL football team.

There were discussions around the well-recognised barriers to ESOL delivery - the main barrier being the waiting list. The Glasgow ESOL register, which allows anyone living in the city to register for ESOL courses, also isn't being utilised to its full ability.

The College mentioned other barriers for ESOL learners including access to nutritious food, difficulties in accessing learner support funds and the ability for asylum seekers to be able to work.

[redacted - section 38(b)] will attend a conference in Germany in December where they will discuss the German model of recognition of prior learning. Mr Robertson mentioned that she may like to contact the Scottish Government office in Germany if timings allowed.

College Funding

The College discussed their concerns around the current funding model, with a view that it needs reviewed. They mentioned learners with complex additional support needs requiring additional funding as an example.

A short discussion on alternative funding streams took place, including commercial opportunities. The Cabinet Secretary highlighted the positives of working with the large Scottish diaspora around the globe and the potential for working internationally.

Additional notes

The College highlighted the positive relationship they have with the Refugee Integration and Resettlement team within Scottish Government. They also praised the recent Scottish Government investment of £500,000, which allowed them to support an additional 1,000 ESOL students this financial year.

Mr Robertson advised he was keen to support any future cultural activities the College undertook, for example their annual International Day event.