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**College Education in Glasgow - response to concerns from Unison**

What we and others are working to achieve is a new future for college education in Glasgow. At its heart are plans for a brand new campus in the city centre that excels in supporting a 21st century economy and complements what is being provided elsewhere in the city.

It's about building on the best of what already exists and looking ahead to what can be achieved in the future.

All this requires careful long term planning. We have been consulting widely and will continue to do so with meetings taking place over the next few weeks to bring together colleges and other interested parties.

We are therefore able to respond positively to Unison's request for discussions with its officials. We will be able to reassure them that any changes will be introduced over time and that the stability of college provision in the city will be safeguarded throughout the development of the project.

What we are proposing will have a positive impact on future generations of learners in Glasgow with the potential for enormous benefits for the West of Scotland.

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**Notes to editors:**

1 The Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council (SFC) is responsible for allocating £1.7 billion of public funds each year to colleges and universities in support of Scottish Government priorities. SFC was established by the Scottish Parliament in 2005 and is a non-departmental public body of the Scottish Government.

2 The Council's funding contributes towards the costs of learning and teaching, skills development, research, innovation and other costs such as staff, buildings and equipment in Scotland's 15 universities and five higher education institutions (HEIs) (collectively known as the university sector) and 43 further education (FE) colleges. The Council also provides resources to enable colleges to offer bursaries to students on non-advanced courses.

3 The Council's mission is to invest in the development of a coherent college and university system which, through enhanced learning, research and knowledge exchange, leads to improved economic, educational, social, civic, and cultural outcomes for the people of Scotland.

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