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BORDERS COLLEGE REGIONAL BOARD

Subject: Report from Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee	**Purpose:** **For Approval** ☐ **For Discussion** ☐ **For Information** ☒
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Purpose:
To report on the most recent Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience (CQSE) Committee meeting.

Executive Summary:
The latest meeting of the CQSE Committee was held on 16 February via Teams.

The Committee was quorate and new members Paul McGreal and Andrew Buckenham were welcomed. Anne-Marie Sturrock, Lynne Gilchrist, Clare Nairn, Joanne George and Katherine Mathison were in attendance.

Key items:
Dale Clancy, Curriculum and Learning Manager (CLM) for Business, Computing and Core Skills gave a presentation about the work of his team with a Q&A session afterwards.

The Committee approved the Borders College Mainstreaming Update 2021-2023 and Equality Outcomes Action Plan noting it was a professional, well presented report that was easy to read. The author of the report could not attend the meeting so had prepared a video update instead – Members welcomed this and wondered if this could be used more.

Using data drawn from the new reporting system progress against relevant key performance indicators (KPIs) was also discussed, on the whole the picture is a positive one. Early intervention, targeted support and resilience training has been a point of focus this year and is proving to be very effective. The amount of effort put into this was noted and welcomed.

The Committee received an update on the Business Growth and Employer Engagement Strategy and progress against objectives. A number of challenges were noted such as withdrawal or reduction of areas of funding although some opportunities are also emerging.

The Employer Satisfaction Report was received and was generally positive but the return rate is low.

An update on the Mental Health Strategy was discussed and potential reduction or withdrawal of funding was noted as a concern, with the in-house counselling now available for students being widely welcomed.

Finally an update on Education Scotland's Annual Engagement was presented. This was a positive report with a lot being achieved to date. A number of other reports were presented to the Committee for information. **Questions that Members should ask themselves when reading the paper:** Paper is for information.	
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Linked to Strategic Risk Register: 4b - Governance Choose an item.	
Recommendation: Members note the report.	
Previous Committee Approvals: No	
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