

Committee	Risk and Audit Management Committee
Subject	College Risk Register and Framework
Action requested	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> For approval
Summary of the paper	<p>The committee is asked to review the following key documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The college's strategic risk register, with updated mitigation report for May 2024. (Merger risks presented in a separate agenda item). The committee is asked to review the updated mitigation (no change to risks or ratings presented), and endorse as relevant. 2. The UHI Certificate of Assurance for AY2023-24 provided by the UHI NWH Principal and Chief Executive to the Chief Officer of the UHI as Regional Strategic Body in April 2024. The committee is asked to note the submitted Certificate of Assurance for the college and the qualifying note regarding governance risk on incomplete external audits for the two legacy colleges UHI Outer Hebrides (Lews Castle College UHI) and UHI North Highland. 3. Scottish Government consent on continued derogation for colleges to take out commercial business insurance (next review point 2027). The Committee is asked to note the letter from Scottish Government to Colleges Scotland. 4. Other issues for the Committee to note: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a new risk policy and framework for the college are currently under development and will be finalised once the college's restructuring is completed, including final job titles and responsibilities to be reflected in the revised policy document. This will come for the committee's attention at its next meeting. b. An integrated compliance report format is currently being reviewed and will come to the committee for AY2024-25, as part of establishing the new Department for Performance and Planning in the new college structure c. The recently approved new Programme Board has not yet met, given final Terms of Reference should reflect the new job roles and post holders within the revised organisational structure. The committee will meet as soon as possible

	following finalisation of the new organisational structure, but will definitely operational for the start of AY2024-25.
Resource implications	Sufficient resource allocation is key to ensure continued progress and successful implementation of the college merger
Risk implications	There are multiple risks associated with the years 1, 2 and 3 implementation phase of the college merger. Failure to identify and manage those risks may result in failure of the merger project.
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Link with strategy Please highlight how the paper links to the Strategic Plan	Successful risk mitigation is key to securing merger and related strategic aims and objectives
Island communities	The rural and islands college merger may have an impact on the Western Isles and islands covered by West Highland College that is different to other communities. The college will work with the University as the relevant body under the legislation to undertake an Island Communities Impact Assessment where there may be an impact on policy, strategy or service the college provided to island communities.
Status (e.g., confidential, non-confidential)	<input type="checkbox"/> Confidential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-confidential
Freedom of information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Consultation: How has consultation with partners been conducted?	n/a