

Committee	UHI North, West and Hebrides Learning, Teaching and Research Committee
Subject	NWH Approach to College Fees for SFC Core Funded Courses
Action requested	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> For approval
Summary of the paper	This short paper outlines the new approach taken for setting fees, agreeing any college fee waivers and the baseline fee for 2024/25. The principles, the approach and the baseline fee was endorsed by ELT.
Resource implications	No
Risk implications	No
Date paper prepared	30/01/2024
Date of Board / Committee meeting	
Paper introduced by: Author:	Hannah Ritchie Muir Fiona Grant
Link with strategy Please highlight how the paper links to the Strategic Plan	Aligns to our strategic vision and values. By keeping the course fee at a lower level in comparison to the sector, it is more in line with the cost of living and our rural context. This will help to improve access to education across the North and West Highlands and the Outer Hebrides.
Island communities	As above, cost of living is significant in our island and rural communities.
Status (e.g., confidential, non-confidential)	Non-confidential
Freedom of information	Yes / No
Consultation How has consultation with partners been conducted?	Fees short life working group (Student Services, Curriculum, Finance, Your Student Association, Marketing) agreed principles and made recommendations to ELT. Shared with Local Joint Committee for information.

Recommendation – for endorsement

Current Situation – there is no outline approach. The current fee list for 2023/24 is complex and difficult to navigate for students and staff.