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30 October 2020

Our ref: FOI 2020/245

Dear H G Bell,

### **Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 14 October 2020 requesting the following information:

**Please give the name of the person or persons (if a committee decision) who authorised face-to-face teaching to be delivered on-campus.**

*Personal name not required. Job title of people who make this decisions for your institution please.*

### **University's response**

**Please give the name of the person or persons (if a committee decision) who authorised face-to-face teaching to be delivered on-campus.**

The University of Strathclyde has developed plans for learning and teaching in the academic year 2020/21 that are fully aligned with Scottish Government guidelines and the National Routemap for management of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The University's approach to planning for the start of the academic year was designed to provide the flexibility to adjust to whatever circumstance emerged during the national phased recovery from lockdown. The plan was initially for 2-3 weeks wholly online learning and teaching, followed by a 3-5 week period of transition to full blended learning mode. In the light of the First Minister's announcement on 25 October, the University employed the flexibility in its plans to adjust the commencement of the transition phase by two weeks. When blended learning commences, on-campus learning and teaching will encompass activities where there is an educational need or professional qualification or accreditation requirements, and on-campus essential practical and laboratory teaching, where this cannot adequately be provided through other means.

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At all stages, decisions regarding the delivery of learning and teaching have been taken by the University's Executive Team, on the recommendation of the Executive Deans and the advice of a range of internal expert academic groups.

All decisions take into account the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland guidance and are underpinned by the University's commitment to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

The membership of the Executive Team is:

Principal & Vice Chancellor  
Vice Principal  
University Secretary & Compliance Officer  
Executive Dean & Associate Principal, Faculty of Engineering  
Executive Dean & Associate Principal, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences  
Executive Dean & Associate Principal, Strathclyde Business School  
Executive Dean & Associate Principal, Faculty of Science  
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If you are unhappy with the University's response, please contact the Information Governance Unit by post or email to request a review of our actions.

***Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, University staff are working remotely. The best way to contact the Information Governance Unit is by email. There may be significant delays if you choose to correspond by post.***

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The University will then undertake an internal review and inform you of the result of that review.

All such requests for review should be made in writing, setting out in full the nature of the enquiry to which it pertains, and stating why you are dissatisfied with the response. A request for review should be submitted within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the University or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.

Please note that links provided to information available elsewhere are intended to assist Freedom of Information access. Requests for information held by other public authorities and any complaints regarding access to such information should be addressed to that authority. These review procedures relate only to information which is directly under the control of the University of Strathclyde.

If the University is unable to resolve any complaint, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. A complaint to the Commissioner must be made within 6 months from the date of the University's response.

The Commissioner has an online appeal service which can be accessed via [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

Alternatively, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner via the following methods:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
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Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)  
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Yours sincerely,

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