

Curriculum Review

Agenda

- Context of portfolio, outlined by section staff
- Review of portfolio on a course by course basis to:
 - Identify courses performing well and good practice to be shared
 - Identify weaknesses in the portfolio (at risk courses) and any mitigation that could be applied
 - Review proposed growth in existing courses (and constraints of growth)
- Discuss potential new courses (and any constraints)
- Supported by a data spreadsheet prepared for each section

Construction

- Focus on carpentry and joinery
- Innovative delivery in COVID, worked with business lecturers to create online recording tool
- Rethink offering to school – 2 year model does not work
- **Opportunities:**
 - Islands skills review to expand delivery to other trades
 - Net Zero – energy conservation

Health and Social Care

- Wide range of courses with close working with service providers
- Innovated during COVID using outdoor and online observations for SVQ
- **Opportunities**
 - Closer working with NHS – SVQ centre
 - Development of child and youth studies
 - **Counselling course planned**
 - Beauty; progression in hairdressing (with other island providers)

Computing

- Clear learning journeys from school to degree
- Small team – developing skills through team working
- **Opportunities**
 - Creative digital – engage with network to provide graphic option
 - **Cross teaching into engineering**
 - Short courses
 - Level 5-7 gap

Creative industries

- Broad range of courses - visual arts; performing arts; humanities
- Excellent network practice – e.g. drawing
- Excellence in degree shows
- **Opportunities**
 - **Fine art being reviewed and revalidated**
 - Centre for Islands Creativity

Business and Hospitality

- Business management and hospitality range of courses
- Good progression to degrees (RGU)
- **Opportunities**
 - Closer working with employers
 - Level 6 cookery with work placement
 - SVQ financial services

Community learning

- Wide range of provision linked to access and inclusion – digital skills, ESOL, numeracy, employability skills
- New Directions – good progression to other courses, builds confidence in students
- Online and blended delivery during COVID – videos were especially popular
- **Opportunities**
 - **Working into other sections**
 - Using learning centres for wider delivery

Engineering

- Wide range of FE/HE courses, Skills for Work, through to the NC in Engineering, training for the Merchant Navy along with short courses
- Excellent success rates
- **Opportunities**
- Level 6 for those not wanting to go to sea – renewables
- Use of taught units as stand alone courses
- PAT testing courses

Nautical

- Small team of Master Mariners
- Nautical courses leading externally accredited awards
- Challenge of staff turnover and qualification
- **Opportunities**
 - Online delivery of some fishing courses
 - Advanced Fire Fighting
 - MA for Workboats
 - HELM Management.

Aquaculture

- Small team offering industry required short courses and MA programme
- Confined spaces training needs review for improved costing
- Staff training required to spread load of forklift courses
- New Internal Auditing Techniques for Aquaculture course for food companies
- **Opportunities**
 - Online technical course for aquaculture delivered online
 - Aquaculture Masters
 - MA in processing
 - MA for workboats – with a core of existing modules

General themes

- Skills for work
 - Excellent introduction to college and good progression through to other courses
 - Generally do not cover costs
- Marketing
- Student accommodation
- Foundation apprenticeships
- Gender challenges – different in different sections
- Excellent work in various sections working with students with particular educational needs
 - Do not cover costs