

## Correspondence from Richard Maconachie, Executive Director, Dundee Recovery, dated 26 November 2025

I am writing to let you know that the Scottish Funding Council has published the [conditions of funding](#) attached to the Section 25 Direction funding that was announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to support the University of Dundee to return to a position of financial sustainability. The conditions have been sent to the Chair of the University Court along with an [accompanying letter](#) from the SFC Chair.

While the published conditions represent the agreed position of the SFC Board, they may be subject to minor amendments following a period of engagement with the University. The conditions do not constitute a formal offer of funding. Following a period of engagement a formal offer will be made, and it will be for the University Court to decide whether to accept or reject.

Section 25 has meant that SFC's role has not been to determine ***if the funding should be granted***, as that decision resides with Scottish Government, but rather to provide analysis and advice to the Scottish Government on ***what conditions should be attached to the funding***. The SFC Board believes the conditions are reasonable, feasible and justifiable, while providing appropriate assurance for the provision of significant additional public funding.

It is now for the University to decide whether to accept the conditions after which, following a formal offer of funding, it will be for SFC to continue to monitor and support the University during its recovery.

A copy of this email has been sent to members of the Education, Children and Young People Committee and local constituency and list MSPs.

Best wishes

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