

Launch of the City of Glasgow College's Marine Skills Centre and Jetty (Riverside Project)

- 8 The Council executive has been in correspondence with City of Glasgow College Principal regarding the launch of the College's Riverside Project on 11 July 2011.
- 9 Contrary to the conditions of grant for SFC's investment in the project the Council was not involved in the launch, either on the day itself or in press arrangements prior to the event. As a consequence, SFC's £7 million investment was not properly acknowledged on a day when the Deputy First Minister visited the College to celebrate the completion of a publically funded project.
- 10 Press coverage, generated before SFC became aware of the event, made no reference to the Council's involvement. Interventions from our communications team thereafter, however, ensured that subsequent coverage did include a mention of our funding and a quote from the Chief Executive.
- 11 As indicated to Council members at the time, Laurence Howells wrote to the Principal expressing his concern and requesting an explanation of why SFC's role appeared to have been overlooked.
- 12 The College has now accepted that it made an error and we have received the findings of its internal investigation. The College has identified improvements it needs to make to its procedures. These include: documented consultation with the Council on the promotion of SFC funded projects, better communication within the College about conditions of grant and the introduction of a protocol to authorise the distribution of press releases.