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Meeting	Agenda Item	Reference No
26/09/08	20	HEFCW/08/67

1 Issue

This paper invites Council to note that the Welsh Assembly Government has now approved the Corporate Strategy and Corporate Plan and Operational Plan 2008-09 to 2010-11. A final version is attached at Annex A.

It also provides an update on progress as at the end of the FY 2007-08 against activities in HEFCW's *Operational Plan 2007-08*. The initial report was provided to the Council in March 2008 and Annex B provides a final report on progress up to the end of 2007-08.

2 Corporate Planning Implications / Rationale for paper

All Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) are required by the Welsh Assembly Government to have a corporate plan / strategic statement setting out its medium- to long-term objectives, and an operational plan for the financial year ahead. Plans must take into account the specific requirements contained in the latest Remit Letter from the Minister. The Welsh Assembly Government has now approved HEFCW's Corporate Strategy and Corporate Plan and Operational Plan 2008-09 to 2010-11

In relation to progress against the operational plans, the Council has agreed to receive quarterly progress reports against activities included in its current Corporate Strategy and Corporate & Operational Plan. This commitment is set out under 'Corporate Governance and Compliance Arrangements' at Annex E to the Plan. The first report on the new Corporate Strategy and Operation Plan will be presented to the Council in December 2008.

3 Recommendation(s)

The Council is invited to:

- i. note the finalised HEFCW's Corporate Strategy and Corporate Plan and Operational Plan 2008-09 to 2010-11,
- ii. note the final outcome of HEFCW's *Operational Plan 2007-08*.

4 Timing for decisions

There are no decisions arising from the issues presented in this paper, which are routine items presented to Council periodically.

5 Council members' interests

No conflicts of interests have been declared in advance of the meeting regarding the issues presented in this paper.

6 Further information

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