

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S THIRD MISSION  
COMMITTEE ON 18 MARCH 2008

**Disclosable**

Meeting	Agenda Item	Reference No
09/05/08	13	HEFCW/08/33

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**1 Issue**

This paper presents for information the agenda and unconfirmed notes of the last meeting of the Council's Third Mission Committee held on 18 March 2008.

**2 Corporate Planning Implications / Rationale for paper**

- 2.1 The Third Mission Committee is one of the standing committees of the Council and its purpose is to advise Members on developing Council's vision for third mission activities and the policies and principles that need to underpin it in the long term. The Committee is also a key vehicle for the delivery of closer working relations with the Council's key partners and stakeholders in this area.
- 2.2 The Third Mission Committee meets four times a year and in addition to submitting notes of all its meetings also provides an annual report to the Council.

**3 Recommendation**

The Council is invited to:

- i. Receive the agenda and unconfirmed notes of the Third Mission Committee on 18 March 2008.

**4 Timing for decisions**

The Council is invited to note the unconfirmed notes of 18 March 2008 prior to the next meeting of the Third Mission Committee on 2 May 2008.

**5 Council members' interests**

No conflicts of interest have been declared in advance of the meeting.

**6 Further information**

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## Background

- 7 At its meeting on 9 May 2003, the Council approved the establishment of a Third Mission Committee and the Chairman subsequently invited Dr Len Arthur to act as its chair. Dr Arthur accepted and in turn, invited a total of eleven individuals to join him on the new committee (paper **HEFCW/05/27 refers**). The Committee was originally conceived as a key vehicle for the delivery of closer working relations between the Council and the former Welsh Development Agency (WDA) and ELWa as required by the then Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning and the Minister for Economic Development and Transport. The Assembly mergers effective from 1 April 2006 necessitated a review of the Committee's membership and terms of reference and a revised remit for the Third Mission Committee was approved by the Council at its meeting on 19 October 2006.

## Notes of the meeting of the Third Mission Committee on 18 March 2008

- 8 The agenda and unconfirmed notes of the meeting of the Third Mission Committee held on 18 March 2008 are attached at **Annex A**.
- 9 In particular Members' attention is drawn to:
- Recent European and international developments – note 8;
  - The issues raised in the analysis of institutions' Third Mission strategies for the period 2007/08-2009/10 – notes 9-11;
  - A progress report to the Welsh Assembly Government on progress in working with the Assembly's ESDGC Champion to take action on relevant (HE) actions in the ESDGC action plan, which was an obligation placed upon HEFCW in its 2007-08 Remit Letter – notes 12-13;
  - The approval by WEFO of two projects that will attract European funding in the order of £50 million over the next six years, plus Assembly Government match funding of around £20 million, namely; *Knowledge Transfer and Collaborative Industrial Research* and *Knowledge Exploitation Capacity Development* - note 14;
  - The joint meeting with the Council's Learning and Teaching and Widening Access Committees, also held on 18 March 2008 – notes 21-22.

## Financial Implications

- 10 No new financial implications arise from this paper.

## Publicity Implications

- 11 No immediate implications arise from this paper.

## Diversity & Equality Implications

- 12 When submitting their third mission strategies all institutions are asked to consider how they will address the needs of potentially disadvantaged groups (in relation to race, gender, disability and age, including monitoring arrangements). In addition, institutions are asked to consider the needs of Welsh speakers, Welsh learners and Welsh speaking communities and, where appropriate, take account of their institution's/institutions' role/roles in the new sector Welsh medium strategic framework and development plan. Under GO Wales, although there are currently no EU funds attached, officers have continued to manage the programme in line with both WEFO's own diversity and equality requirements and those set out in the original, successful bid to WEFO. However, there are no immediate implications arising from this paper.

## Risk Assessment

- 13 Details of identified risks are provided below:

RISK	ACTION TO ADDRESS RISK
Council fails to deliver its own strategic aim of "benefiting society and economy" as derived from its remit letter and <i>Reaching Higher</i>	Third Mission Committee established to offer Council advice and guidance on the development of policy in this area.