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**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 2009-10 to 2011-12. A final version is attached at Annex A.

It also provides an update on progress on the first quarter of FY 2009-10 against activities in HEFCW's *Operational Plan 2009-10*. The report was provided to WAG in July 2009 and Annex B provides an update report on progress up to the end of July 2009.

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

All Assembly Government Sponsored Bodies (AGSBs) 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 2009-10 to 2011-12

In relation to progress against the operational plan, 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.

**3 Recommendation(s)**

The Council is invited to:

- i. note the finalised HEFCW's Corporate Strategy and Corporate Plan and Operational Plan 2009-10 to 2011-12,
- ii. note the first quarter outcome of HEFCW's *Operational Plan 2009-10*.

#### **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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