

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S THIRD MISSION
COMMITTEE ON 28 NOVEMBER 2008

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Meeting	Agenda Item	Reference No
30/01/09	18	HEFCW/09/11

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 28 November 2008.

2 Corporate Planning Implications / Rationale for paper

- 2.1 Until its December decision to embrace a new Committee Structure, The Third Mission Committee was one of the standing committees of the Council and its purpose was to advise Members on developing Council's vision for third mission activities and the policies and principles needed to underpin it in the long term. The Committee was 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 met 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 28 November 2008.

4 Timing for decisions

The Council is invited to receive the unconfirmed notes of the last meeting of the Third Mission Committee on 28 November 2008 prior to the inaugural meeting of the proposed new Research, Innovation and Engagement Committee later in 2009.

5 Council members' interests

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

6 Further information

All documents referred to in this paper and its attachments are available from Teresa Cooper (Tel 02920 682304; E-mail: Teresa.Cooper@hefcw.ac.uk)

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, 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 28 November 2008

- 8 The agenda and unconfirmed notes of the meeting of the Third Mission Committee held on 28 November 2008 are attached at **Annex A**.
- 9 In particular Members are asked to note that:
- The theme of this meeting was third mission funding in the context of an independent review of the impacts of the Council's first three year Third Mission Fund Cycle, which covers the academic years 2004/05 to 2007/08.
 - The way in which the Third Mission Committee has suggested that the outcomes of this independent evaluation (when finalised) might be utilised by Council. In particular, the Third Mission Committee has suggested that the Council might wish to consider making the report available to the team led by Professor Merfyn Jones that is currently reviewing the future of higher education in Wales (see Note 6.1 of Annex A).
 - The final report from the consultants appointed to undertake this evaluation, Innovas Consulting Ltd, working with the University of Salford, is due by the end of January 2009.

Financial Implications

- 10 No new financial implications arise from this paper, although the outcomes of the evaluation referred to in paragraph 9 above might be useful when developing arrangements for future third mission funding cycles in Wales.

Publicity Implications

- 11 No immediate implications arise from this paper although the Council might wish to consider publicising the outcomes of the evaluation when finalised.

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 new EU funds were agreed in December 2008, 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.