

Prioritisation of Full Proposals

Suitable proposals are to be prioritised based on the following criteria:

Contribution to Strategic Priorities

1. Scored on a one to three basis, with three the greatest contribution and one the least:

Score

- 3** Substantial impact on Reaching Higher Priorities (*e.g. merger of HEIs or joint operations in key areas*)

or

Significant contribution to both Reaching Higher (landscape change in research capacity, income generation, cost efficiency etc) and other WAG priorities: One Wales, Science Strategy, Wales a Vibrant Economy, Spatial Plan, Heads we Win, Creative Future etc (*e.g. a substantial research institute that will impact significantly on the knowledge economy*).

- 2** Significant contribution to Reaching Higher priorities and limited contribution to other WAG priorities (*e.g. a substantial research Institute or subject rationalisation that does not significantly contribute to other priorities, such as the knowledge economy*)

or

Significant contribution to Reaching Higher and other WAG priorities, but scale or degree of integration is less than optimal in current form.

- 1** Limited contribution to Reaching Higher and other WAG priorities (*e.g. collaboration with limited integration, scale or impact*).

Urgency of Timescale

2. Scored on a one to three basis, with three the greatest urgency and one the least:

Score

- 3** Very urgent need for initiation of support. Where a delay is likely to jeopardise the ability to successfully deliver the overall partnership or key elements.

- 2** Need for initiation of support within a reasonable timescale. Where a delay is likely to impact on a number of key targets.

- 1** No urgency to initiate the partnership. Where delay is unlikely to impact significantly on the ability to deliver the partnership.

As the contribution to strategic priorities is considered to be more important than the urgency of timescale, scores in relation to this criterion are weighted through multiplying them by a factor of two.

The following matrix is used to illustrate the priority attached to proposals:

		Contribution to Strategic Priorities <i>(weighted score in parentheses)</i>		
		1 (2)	2 (4)	3 (6)
Urgency of Timescale	1	TOTAL = 2	TOTAL = 4	TOTAL = 6
	2	TOTAL = 4	TOTAL = 8	TOTAL = 12
	3	TOTAL = 6	TOTAL = 12	TOTAL = 18