

SUMMARY OF CORE PRINCIPLES & ISSUES FOR CONSULTATION

- 1 **To enable the sector to proceed along common lines, it is necessary to be clear on how we perceive and define *third activities and their* future development and application.**

Issue 1

Comments are invited on the appropriateness of adopting the SPRU definition of third mission activities. Respondents are asked to give particular consideration to the extent to which this definition lends itself to the development of indicators against which, in line with the commitments given in its own Corporate Plan, the Council can measure HEIs' contribution to economic, cultural and social benefit in a way that monitors the proper use of public funds and/or incentivises and optimises such activity (see paragraphs 21 to 23 of circular).

- 2 **The Council is committed to developing a single stream of funding in support of institutions' overall third mission activities.**

Issue 2

Comments are invited on the timescale which should be adopted by the Council in moving towards a single stream of third mission funding. In particular, comments are sought on the pros and cons of the Council's intention to cease asking institutions to produce stand-alone WEEPS and the intention to fund the successor programme to Graduate Wales and Cymru Prosper Wales via HEED. Consideration should also be given as to the most appropriate point at which to metamorphose the HEED Fund into an all-encompassing Third Mission Fund – including what other activities need to be supported via the envisaged single stream of funding.

- 3 **When developing their HEED plans, institutions should pay due regard to the way in which they will utilise KEF monies to achieve their overall aims and objectives.**

Issue 3

Comments are invited on the Council's intention to increase the links between KEF and HEED and the specific requirement that future bids for allocations from Strands 4 and 5 of KEF will need to be channelled through a nominated department and/or individual, and clearly derived from the HEED Plan.

- 4 **The Council is keen to encourage the sector adopt a more strategic approach to the pursuit of European funding in support of HEED activities.**

Issue 4

Comments are invited on the benefits and practicalities of requiring departments to link (where appropriate) European funding bids to the achievement of institutional HEED aims and objectives, and to submit such European funding bids via a nominated department and/or individual as will be required in respect of future allocations from strands 4 & 5 of KEF.

ANNEX C (cont)

- 5 The Council has a duty to ensure that proper use is made of public monies and that the support provided incentivises and maximises institutions' third mission activities. To this end, it is imperative to develop indicators that enable institutions, the Council and other interested bodies to monitor, evaluate and measure progress in delivering benefits on the economic, cultural and social fronts.**

Issue 5

Comments are sought on the Council's intention to repeat, over the medium-term at least, the data gathering exercise undertaken in conjunction with the submission of the HEED Plans in 2002/03. Comments would be especially welcomed on the ease with which this data is already collectable, and to the extent to which it dovetails with returns required by HESA and with the format of the latest HE-BI Survey.

- 6 The Council is committed to increasing collaborative activity in all aspects of third mission activity.**

Issue 6

Comments are sought on the measures being proposed to encourage collaborative third mission activity in this and future years. More general observations on how such collaborative activity could be further encouraged would also be welcomed.

- 7 In developing a HEED funding formula the Council is seeking both to incentivise activity and reward progress made.**

Issue 7

Comments are sought on the Council's proposed funding model for HEED Fund allocations in 2003/04.