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**1 Issue**

- 1.1 This paper presents, for information the unconfirmed notes of the meeting of the Council's Research, Innovation and Engagement Committee (RIEC) held on 3 April 2014. It also includes the report of a subgroup established by the Committee to undertake further analysis of the results of the Higher Education – Business and Community Interaction (HE-BCI) Survey 2011/12.

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

- 2.1 The RIEC is a standing committee of the Council, established in 2009. It advises the Council on the development and delivery of HEFCW's corporate plan as it relates to the research and innovation and engagement (third mission) capacity and activities of the HE sector in Wales.

**3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Council is invited:
- i. to receive the unconfirmed notes of the RIEC meeting held on 3 April 2014 (attached at **Annex A**)
  - ii. to note the report of a subgroup established to undertake further analysis of the results of the Higher Education – Business and Community Interaction (HE-BCI) Survey 2011/12 (attached at **Annex B**).

**4 Timing for decisions**

- 4.1 There are no immediate decisions arising from this paper.

**5 Council members' interests**

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

**6 Further information**

- 6.1 All documents referred to in this paper and its attachments are available on the HEFCW Extranet, or from Linda Tiller (Tel 029 2068 2228; Email: [linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk)) or Tove Oliver (Tel 029 2068 2264; Email: [tove.oliver@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:tove.oliver@hefcw.ac.uk)).

## **7 Background**

- 7.1 The RIE Committee meets twice a year. Its membership is drawn from senior managers and practitioners from the higher education (HE) sector, together with representatives from the public and private sector with an interest in the research and innovation & engagement (third mission) outputs of HE.

## **8 Meeting of the Research, Innovation and Engagement Committee on 3 April 2014**

- 8.1 The unconfirmed notes of the meeting of the RIE Committee, which was held at HEFCW on 3 April 2014 are attached at **Annex A**.

- 8.2 In particular members are asked to note:

- a) The presentation by Dr Nick Bourne (Deputy Director and Head of Commercial Development, Cardiff University) on Fusion IP, which works with universities to take intellectual property to the marketplace (**Minute 5 refers**).
- b) The report of a sub-group which was established to undertake further analysis of the results of the Higher Education – Business and Community Interaction (HE-BCI) Survey 2011/12 (**Minute 6 refers**). The full report is attached at **Annex B**. Members are also asked to note that the HE-BCI Survey data for 2012/13 has now been released. We will issue a press release on this to coincide with HEW's University week in early June.
- c) The establishment of a fixed-term Innovation and Engagement Sub-Group to determine whether there are specific activities that HEFCW, with its partners, might undertake to further facilitate specific HE I&E activity (**Minute 6.12 refers**). The membership will include DEST, HEW, HEFCW and others. Part of the context for the work of this group is provided by the withdrawal of HEFCW's Innovation and Engagement Fund.
- d) Initial work on the development of a statement on HEFCW's Strategic Approach to Research, Innovation and Engagement (**Minute 7 refers**). The further development of this statement will link with the work of the sub-group referred to in (c) above. The final version of the statement will be presented to Council in due course.

## **9 Financial Implications**

- 9.1 No new financial implications arise immediately from this paper.

## 10 Publicity Implications

- 10.1 The report of the sub-group on the HE-BCI Survey 2011/12 will be published on the HEFCW website. Additionally, as indicated in paragraph 8.2 (b) above, we will issue a press release on the outcomes of the Higher Education – Business and Community Interaction (HE-BCI) Survey 2012/13 in early June.

## 11 Diversity and Equality Implications

- 11.1 When submitting their innovation and engagement 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.

## 12 Risk Assessment

- 12.1 Details of identified risks are provided below:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action to address risk</b>
Council fails to deliver its strategic aim of “benefiting society and economy” as derived from its remit letter and other key policy documents.	RIE Committee established to offer Council advice and guidance on the development of policy in this area.
Council fails to deliver its strategic aim of securing research of internationally excellent quality to deliver a buoyant economy and support social justice.	RIE Committee established to offer Council advice and guidance on the development of policy in this area.