

Council Meeting*For information***Operational Plan 2015-16 Q1 and Q2 update**Agenda: 18
HEFCW/15/96

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1 Issue

- 1.1 This paper provides an update on progress on activities in HEFCW's *Operational Plan 2015-16*.

2 Corporate Planning Implications / Rationale for paper

- 2.1 All Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies are required by the Welsh 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.
- 2.2 In relation to progress against the operational plan, the Council has agreed to receive quarterly progress reports against activities included in its current operational plan.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Council is invited to note the *Operational Plan 2015-16* update.

4 Timing for decisions

- 4.1 There are no decisions arising from the issues presented in this paper, which are routine items presented to Council periodically.

5 Council members' interests

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

6 Further information

- 6.1 Steve Williams (029 2068 2285; steven.williams@hefcw.ac.uk)

7 Operational Plan 2015-16

- 7.1 As reported at Council's July meeting (HEFCW/15/56 refers) HEFCW officers have developed a new operational plan format for 2015-16. Following final approval from the Chair and Chief Executive in July it was submitted to Welsh Government for Ministerial approval. HEFCW received confirmation from Welsh Government officials on 24 September reporting that the Minister had noted the plan.
- 7.2 Officers did not report progress of activities for the first quarter of the operational plan's reporting period as the plan was still in development. The operational plan has now been updated with progress against activities in the first and second quarter of the reporting period and is attached at **Annex A**.