

## Council meeting

*For information*

### Research Wales Funding – Strengthening the Research Base: interim report

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#### 1 Issue

- 1.1 HEFCW provided an additional allocation of £6.6m (£4.2m revenue funding and £2.4m capital funding) to support higher education research in Wales. As per HEFCW's revised 2018-19 remit letter, funding was made available to HEIs in Wales on the basis of strengthening the research base and incentivising grant capture.
- 1.2 This paper provides an update based on the interim reports required from universities in January 2020.

#### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Council is invited to:
  - i. Note the report provided at **Annex A**

#### 3 Council members' interests

- 3.1 We are not aware of any Council members' interests relevant to the issues covered by this paper.

#### 4 Further information

- 4.1 Contact Jennifer Evans (029 2085 9647; [jennifer.evans@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:jennifer.evans@hefcw.ac.uk)).

## **5 Financial implications**

5.1 Second payments will be made to universities in March 2020.

## **6 Communications implications**

6.1 Universities will receive confirmation of second payments in March 2020.

## **7 Impact Assessment**

7.1 HEFCW's Impact Assessment Policy and Procedures set out how we assess the likely impact – positive or negative – of proposed policies and practices with respect to meeting our responsibilities under:

- The Equality Act 2010
- The Welsh Language Standards 2018
- The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

7.2 An impact assessment has been carried out with respect to the issues in this paper and the outcomes were:

*This scheme forms part of a long term plan to reinforce the research base in Wales. It is well integrated into existing structures and developed alongside other strategic delivery partners. We will continue to work closely with our HEIs to make sure that any future short-notice funding is implemented in similar/consistent ways to facilitate the ease of uptake.*

*Research is a worthy cause for investment and responds well to positive impacts in and for Wales.*

*We will require HEIs to evidence that they are supporting these issues and declare that they are making these considerations as well.*

7.3 Declarations were requested and have been provided. We continue to monitor the impact of this funding.