

## **2016-20 Financial forecasts: assumptions**

- 1 At this stage we are able to confirm only that the funding for academic year 2016/17 remains in line with the information provided in the Welsh Government's remit letter to HEFCW for 2016/17 and in our circular 'HEFCW's Funding Allocations 2016/17' (W16/16HE). However, please note that the 2016/17 allocations are estimates and may require in-year adjustment to reflect the actual transfer of tuition fee grant to WG. No funding decisions have yet been made beyond the 2016/17 allocations.

### **Fee Plans:**

- 2 We will expect financial forecasts to take into account the fee plans/fee and access plans submitted to us covering 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

### **Student numbers**

- 3 Institutions should not assume any growth in HEFCW-funded numbers for part-time provision.
- 4 Assumptions for student number forecasts should be consistent with those used in the preparation of the financial forecast tables

### **Funding for research**

- 5 For planning purposes the 2016/17 allocations for Quality Research (QR) and Post-graduate Research (PGR) announced in 'HEFCW's Funding Allocations 2016/17' (W16/16HE) should inform the baseline of the forecasts. However, actual funding levels for future years may be subject to further change, in the context of future levels of Welsh Government grant in aid and the possibility of a more fundamental review of HEFCW's research funding arrangements.

### **Strategy and initiative allocations**

- 6 Assumptions for strategy and initiative allocations should be based on funding that has already been committed by HEFCW.

### **Capital**

- 7 The forecast should identify all significant individual capital projects by name or function as well as the actual or intended source of capital funds including allocations of HEFCW capital funding. The proposals should be consistent with the current estates strategy or other accepted capital proposals for your

institution, and should include proposed or possible purchases of land or buildings as well as intended refurbishment or new build projects.

- 8 The forecast should include reference to any plans for long-term capital maintenance projects. Any significant changes to these proposals should be explained within the commentary.